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Allies Nearly Ready To Begin Talks on **Conventional Arms**

By Joseph Fitchett International Heroid Tribune

'ARIS - Unexpectedly opti-stic, U.S. and French officials d Wednesday that the Western ies had nearly overcome their it internal obstacles to talks on ting conventional forces in Euse and that East-West negotia-ns probably could begin early

Confidently stating that prepa-tions for the talks had reached e final stage, U.S. and French shicials also dismissed reports that d'last-minute rift between Washington and Paris could delay Western progress toward opening talks with the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies.

The talks, known as the Conven-tional Stability Talks, in prepara-tion since 1986, are intended to sharply reduce military tensions in Europe, opening the way for politi-cal liberalization in Eastern Europe and an easing of the sharp division of Europe since World War II.

"For the first time, the opening

Kiosk

Cypriot Rivals To Meet Again

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — The Cypriot president, George Vassiliou, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Deoktash, have agreed in begin another round of talks in Nicosia on Dec. 19 on ways of reuniting their is-land, a UN spokesman said

The accouncement followed three days of meetings between the two leaders.



Anthony Cavendish, a former British secret agent whose memoirs have led Britain to block distribution of a U.S. magazine. Page 2.

General News

Britain decides today on whether to buy a British or an American model as its oew President Reagan must rule soon on any pardons in the Iran-cootra affair. Page 3. Business/Finance

The biggest Dutch property firm bid £1.3 billion for Britain's Hammerson. Page 11.

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By Henry Kamm

KABUL, Afghanistan

Multicolored kites, attached to

cheerful boys below, dot the Kabul sky just above the taw-

dry buildings and vehicular and pedestrian chaos of this war-

Above them float the zigzag

patterns of the dozens of hot

flares released by each Soviet

military or civilian plane as it

takes off from or lands at the

Their purpose is to lure any U.S. supplied Stinger missile that might be aimed at the air-

craft by urban guerrillas. Sting-

ers are drawn to their targets by

the sky over this city of more

than two million people - four

or five times as many as before Soviet troops entered nine years

ago - finds a reflection in the

The war that is raging ever

lights and moods of the city.

nearer since half the Soviet

army of 115,000 was withdrawn

in August is ever present, but so

are the appearances of normal-

Clearly the resilient people of

The contrasting display in

swollen capital.

Kabul airport

the heat it exudes.

of these negotiations is within reach," President François Mitter-rand said in an interview in the French newspaper Libération on

Charles H. Thomas, who directs the U.S. effort in the conventional arms talks, said in an interview in Paris that "everybody — we, the allies, the Soviets and their allies —

want to start early next year." The transition to a Bush administration, he said, did not seem likely m delay this movement.

France has often been accused by other Western governments of complicating arms control talks unnecessarily in an effort to block them. But Mr. Mitterrand, insisting that France has a new commitment to disarmament, said that procedural problems should not be used as a "pretext for delay."

Mr. Mitterrand, who is sensitive to West German leaders' need for progress on arms control for their domestic political reasons, said that agreement was "attain-able by good diplomats" — a signal that French officials have been told that starting negotiations has be-come a political priority for the

president in his second term.

Agreement seemed imminent,
U.S. officials said, in both of the parallel preparatory processes leading up to the talks; first, a "mandate" for negotiations emerg-ing from the East-West review conference in Vienna of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and, secondly, a Western negotiating policy being devised by members of the North Atlantie Treaty Organization.
In both the "mandate" and in

NATO's opening proposal, "the substance of the Western position See DISARM, Page 6

By William Claiborne

JOHANNESBURG - Presi-

dent Pieter W. Boths granted re-prieves Wednesday to six blacks who were condemned to death for

the 1984 murder of a black local

official at the height of South Afri-

hours after the Court of Appeals,

South Africa's highest court,

turned down a plea by the six pris-

At the same time, Mr. Botha

commuted the death sentences of

four white policemen sentenced to

oners to reopen the case.

hang for murdering blacks.

The surprise decision came only



HEADING INTO EXILE - Chun Doo Hwan, the former president of South Korea, leaving his bonse Wednesday with his wife, Lee Soon Ja, after making a public apology for misdeeds during his term in office. Opposition members dismissed the apology and demanded an inquiry. Page 4.

woman known as the "Sharpeville Province township. They beat him death and burned Jacob Diamini, a Six," were given prison sentences of severely during interrogation that they concluded they could not about 65 kilometers (40 miles)

let him go without risking disciplin-

der Merwe, who were sentenced in

April for murdering two suspected

Botha Grants Reprieves to the 'Sharpeville Six'

Sweeping Tax Cuts Planned in Sweden

STOCKHOLM - The Social Democratic government on Wednesday unveiled a sweeping package of tax reforms that would exempt 90 percent of Swedish wage-earners from national income tax and cut corporate taxes by

The proposal, the first major tax reform since the welfare state was created 50 years ago, would end Sweden's reputation of having the world's highest taxes, as well as some of its most canny tax-evaders. The reform would cost the gov-erament some 60 billion kronor

(\$9.9 billion) a year in revenue from the tax brackets being cut. Most of that will be replaced through a broadening of the tax

Swedish taxes are notorious for having driven some of the country's best-known personalities into exile, among them the film director, Ing-mar Bergman. He left after police dragged him off the stage of the Royal Dramatic Theatre during a rehearsal and charged him with tax evasion in 1976.

The tax-reform package, planned for legislation in 1990, would simplify income tax and close loopholes that have been exploited by the rich at the expense of workers, said Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt at a news confer-

The government said it wanted the reforms in place by the next general election in 1991.

The program calls for sharp reductions in income tax, which is 72 percent in the highest tax brackets and on some overtime payments. But it forceses higher revenues from tax on earnings from invest-ments and profits, by limiting de-

Currently, the average Swede pays combined municipal and state taxes of about 45 percent.

According to evidence presented

at the 1985 trial, one of the con-

26, joined a protest against sent

increases and appeared at Mr. Dia-mini's house with a placend saying.

Witnesses said that as Mr. Dia-

fired a revolver, hitting one protest-

er, after which Miss Ramashamola

shouted, "He is shooting at us.

There was oo testimony that

Miss Ramashamola threw any

DE THE CLOMO

"We have no money."

mini tried to esca

mob not to kill him.

taxes than most other countries, a

lot of people call Sweden a tax paradise because it is so easy to evade taxes," said Mr. Feldt. Swedes have resorted to a series of legal, semi-legal and illegal de-vices to reduce their tax loads. Many form their own paper companies, which report annual losses and write these off against income

tax. The government said its pro-posed reform would attempt to close this loophole. The government said it wanted to limit the ability of Swedes to write off debts and loans against income for tax purposes.
At present, individuals can write

off 50 percent of all debts against But the government said that write-offs for mortgages would not be abolished in the first instance.

The intention was that these should be limited at a later stage. Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said the reform would safeguard

welfare programs that have elimi-nated poverty and illiteracy in Swe-The plan was applanded by labor and won cautious approval from business, as the stock market

inched up by 0.6 percent. Market analysts said most companies, and the Swedish investment climate in general, would benefit from the proposals, though a few firms were seen as having their tax burdens sharply increased.

Tommy Cunzelius, an analyst at Nordbanken, said that the propos-al was welcome as it would provide a very strict and easy tax base that

you can count on."
Said Stig Malm, chief of the
Swedish Trade Union Confederation: "Something has to be done. The taxation of capital today is a

A Social Democratic Party state-See SWEDEN, Page 15

3 Soldiers Killed in Caucasus

Azerbaijanis Riot In New Outbreak Of Soviet Unrest

By Felicity Barringer

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Three soldiers died and 126 people were wounded in rioting Tuesday in the southern republic of Azerbaijan as residents at least three different cities gathered in protest what they con-sidered Armenian-inspired chalenges to their authority, Soviet of-

ficials reported Wednesday. A state of emergency and a curfew were declared in the Azerbai-jani city of Kirovabad and the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic as troops patrolled these areas and at least one city in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, the focus of 10 months of violence and unrest in Azerbaijan

and neighboring Armenia.

Ethnic tensions in Nagorno-Karabakh, a predominantly Armenian enclave of Azerbaijan, again sparked violence this week as Azerbaijanis in various cities took in the streets when told that an Armenian factory was building an aluminum plant in Nagorno-Karabakh on the site of an historic Azerbaijani battlefield, according to an official

Azerbaijani spokesman. Although the construction of such a plant would ordinarily require approval of authorities in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, "oo Azerbaijani capital of Baku, "oo one in Baku knew about it," said the official, Musa I. Mamedov, chief of the information division of he Azerbaijani Foreign Minisury. He said that Nagorno-Karabakh was practically "out of the control" of Azerbaijani authorities.

But a city government worker in the Nagorno-Karabakh capital, Stepanakert, contradicted the Azerbaijani version. The construction project, said the worker, who declined to give his name, involved only a rest home for workers from the Armenian plant and did not need Baku's approval.

The new violence in the volatile

southern area occurred after nearly two months of relative calm, during which much attention in the Soviet Union was focused on a surge of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Now, while managing the chal-lenges to Soviet authority offered by these three republics, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev must also grapple with o new outbreak of ethnic tensions between the predominantly Christian Armen and the predominantly Moslem Azerbaijanis, whose interethnic clashes have left 38 people, mostly Armenians, dead since February.

During a session of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, last July, Mr. Gorbachev brusquely dismissed the Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh and called for support of a decision of the Supreme Soviet and the ruling Communist Party that Nagomo-Karabakh receive a special package of economic and social aid but remain ander Baku's control.

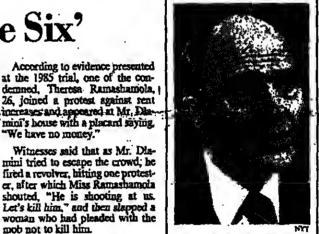
en jail sentences as a method of intimidating others. The rioting and deaths in Kirovahad and Nakhichevan took place prepared to follow Mikhail S. Gor-bachev, the Soviet president, in his striving for economic restructuring. as the Armenian parliament was meeting to discuss a variety of is-sues, including the status of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to resitroduce greater openness.

An independent organization of dents of the Armenian capital,

As word of the clashes reached Yerevan the meeting was hastily postponed, just as the legislators were on the verge of discussing the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Soldiers were called in to quell the violence in Kirovabad and Nakhichevan on Tuesday, according to Mr. Mamedov of the Azerbaija Foreign Ministry. He said he did not know in which of those two locations the deaths occurred.

On Wednesday, mass meetings of tens of thousands of citizens took place in both Baku, to inform Azerbaijanis of the situation in the See RIOTS, Page 6



national security adviser for George Bush. Page 6.

opposition movement might be giv-

Czechoslovak leaders have been

though cautiously. But they seem

less interested in his efforts to in-

anti-war campaigners has virtually

ceased activity.
Three of its leaders, Hana Mar-

vanova, Tomas Dvorak and Lubos

Vydra, are in custody. They face up

in three years in prison if an inquiry results in their trial and conviction on charges of inciting anti-state ac-

They were detained in the summer in connection with unauthorized demonstrations to mark the

1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia

by forces of the Soviet Union and four Warsaw Pact allies

The Democratic Initiative,

See PRAGUE, Page 6

idating others.

being part of a mob that stoned to murder conviction. stones at the victim. The six blacks, five men and a a black youth in an eastern Cape Hungary Takes Step Toward Change, but Czechs Back Away

The case was one of the few in fention and intense diplomatic

The other two policemen were have contributed directly to the in-

The Sharpeville Six won a stay of the mob that stoned the council-

execution March 17, only 15 hours man which, under the South Afri-

before they were to be hanged for can legal system, is enough for a

mini's death.

Jack La Grange and Robert van juries that resulted in Mr. Dla-

In Budapest, a Young Economist Will Be Prime Minister

By Jackson Diehl Biohington Prot Service
BUDAPEST — The Hungarian Communist Party announced the nomination of a progressive young economist Miklos Nemeth, as prime minister on Wednesday, and the new leader vowed in push ahead with steps to make his administratioo responsible to an elected parliament rather than the

Mr. Nemeth. 40, who has been secretary of economic policy and a Politburo member of the Hungarian party, was named to replace the

this country have adapted to 15

years of revolution invasion

They go uncomplainingly

about their lives, which seem

deprived even more than met

the visitor's eye before the over-throw of King Zahir Shah in 1973, when Afghanistan's pre-

Only visitors seem still to notice that oot-so-distant gunfire punctuates the flow of daily

life. The locals seem no longer

to hear it and acknowledge it

Gunfire nearby is one thing.

But rockets that of late have

been falling in the city, the

bombs that explode occasionally in crowded neighborhoods

People do not volunteer their

feelings about these weapons of

terror, but when asked they

leave no doubt that they

achieve their effect of creating a

Insecurity is also seen in the

incheate traffic, possibly the world's most disorderly. The

war has caused almost all of

Afghanistan's vehicles to home

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sense of insecurity.

and fratricidal combat.

sent troubles began.

with some surprise.

Urban Afghans Adapt

In the Capital of Chaos

party general-secretary, Karoly Grosz, who temporarily retained the prime minister's post after suc-ceeding Janos Kadar as Hungary's top Communist leader in May. The

criticized foreign governments, in-cluding that of the United States.

for interfering in the South African

judicial system by demanding clemency for the six.

Two of the policemen reprieved

were Patrick Goosen and Leon de

Villiers, who were sentenced to

death on May 26 for the murder of

Mr. Botha gave no explanation ary action.

or commuting the sentences.

The case was one of the few in South African trial history in which

would not act ontil the judicial ap-peals were completed. He has also against fellow officers facing the

parliament is expected in approve the change formally on Thursday. Under its program to alter Sovi-et-style Communist rule, Hungary is moving toward abolishing the ruling party's monopoly on power and making the government and parliament rather than the Communist leadership primarily responsible for running the country.

In recent weeks, more liberal

party leaders have suggested that under a new constitution due in be drawn up by 1990 Hungary could even return a multiparty political In an interview on Wednesday,

Mr. Nemeth said that multiparty elections and even a non-Commuout" in the coming year. But be stressed that the country's leadership was committed to a gradual process of change that did not risk the upheaval that has characterized past movements toward political freedom in Eastern Europe.

dergoing a transformation and is in a feverish state," said Mr. Nemeth, a former professor of economics who speaks fluent English and who studied for a year at Harvard University under a visitor's program.

south of Johannesburg.

The case attracted worldwide at-

-pressure from abroad because nei-

ther in the original judgment nor in an Appeals Court decision were

any of the defendants found to

Instead, the court held that they

shared a "commoo purpose" with

But, referring to the Hungarian revolution and Soviet invasion of 1956, Mr. Nemeth cautioned that we are also expressing the fact that we can't afford to drive the country into another tragedy." Mr. Nemeth, who was chosen for the prime minister's post by a meet-

ing of the Central Committee on See HUNGARY, Page 6

"We are saying that we're in a transition, the whole society is untrial in which some leaders of the

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service PRAGUE - Czechoslovakia has reacted to a recent burst of

independent political activity with a wave of police repression. Beyond the use of force to crush unauthorized demonstrations this month, the police have raided the homes of dozens of opposition fig-

ures in major cities and called numerous others for questioning. Some opposition leaders said they believed the searches and in-

terrogations were a preinde to a

Strictly Speaking, This Rabbi Has Power



Israel's two chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu, left, head of the Sephardic community and Avraham Shapiro, head of the Ashkenazi community, discussing a measure attempting to define who is a Jew. They stressed that Jews everywhere were Jews and that the measure dealt only with conversion.

By Glenn Frankel Washington Past Service KFAR HABAD, Israel - In front of the altar in this religious community's main synagogue, an empty green velvet chair awaits the arrival of an 86-year-old man from Brooklyn who almost certainly will

Rabbi Meosettem Mendel Schneerson, known to his Lubavitcher followers as the rebbe, is unlikely ever in make the journey from his Crown Heights home to Kfar Habad, But his long-distance involvement in Israel's recent parliamentary elections has altered the political landscape in Israel and in the process, may do serious damage to relations between American Jews and Israel and to prospects for Middle East peace.

He did it with one telephone call placed just 12 days before the elec-tions, in which he ordered members of his Hahad religious movement in Israel to work on behalf of a small, fading Israeli ultra-Orthodox party known as Agudat Yisrael. Habad officials say they spent more than \$1 million to help bolster the Acadet campaign.

When the votes were counted Agudat had won five seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, a gain of three. Along with the six seats of Shas, a rival ultra-Orthodox party,

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THANKSGIVING: Read all about it. (Again.) Page 18.

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French Angered by Indictment of Magistrate in Bomb Affair

By James M. Markham New York Times Service

PARIS — A political storm has erupted in France over the indictment of a magu-trate who won a national reputation for his investigation of a wave of terrorism that shook Paris two years ago.

The examining magistrate, Gilles Boulonque, 39, was indicted Friday on charges of violating judicial secrecy in the course of his anti-terrorist investigation. The inquiry had made Mr. Boulouque, ordinarily a rig-orous sort of man, something of a media star and the best-known magistrate in

Fuad Ali Saleh, a Tunisian terrorist suspect, had lodged a series of complaints against Mr. Boulouque for naming him in a newspaper as the prime suspect in the ternal name and a political independent, has said he was unaware that the office of the government last tory examination of Wahid Gordji, an Irapico, had lodged a series of complaints against Mr. Boulouque for naming him in a former judge and a political independent, has said he was unaware that the office of Mr. Boulouque absolved Mr. Boulouq rorist bombings in Paris that killed 13

Conservative politicians have accused the Socialist government of orchestrating Boulouque, who was also investigating the activities of a group of secret-police operatives who reported to President François

Millerand the indicument in order to discredit Mr. Mitterrand.

The French are indignant that one can ing magistrate, creating the impression that crime is chasing justice," said Charles Pasqua, a conservative politician

public prosecutions of the Paris Court of permitting him to return to Iran that eve-

political overtones. According to one account, Mr. Arpaillange's inexperienced give way to the demand for charges against chief of staff failed to follow the Boulou-

France's judiciary is highly politicized, and on Nov. 29, 1987, Mr. Boulouque who was interior minister until the Social- fulfilled what seemed to be a major politiists regained control of the government last cal mission when he conducted a perfunc-

two French hostages held in Lebanon, as That was contradicted by a number of well as freeing French diplomats who had lawyers and politicians, who said it would been held virtual hostages in their embassy

It was in trying to justify his decision to que and other members of a special anti-free Mr. Gordji that Mr. Boulouque, nor-terrorist judicial unit created in 1986 had mally inaccessible to the press, told the daily Le Figaro that Mr. Saleh was the ingleader in the bombings. He apparently combine both judicial and prosecutorial leaked the Gordji dossier, as well, to Le functions, earn hazardien across Nouvel Observateur, a weekly.

The magistrate had been ridiculed in the

press for seemingly bowing to political pressure in releasing Mr. Gordji. A biting front page cartooo in Le Monde showed him asking Mr. Gordji whether he would his return flight to Tehran.

prefer a smoking or nonsmoking seat on Pierre Truche, the attorney general of

work." The indictment was issued, though, by a single magistrate, Albert Moatty, in what some said was record time.

Several accounts said that Mr. Bonlousit on the anti-terrorist panel.

Like district attorneys in the United States, many investigating magistrates routinely brief journalists on their cases, but they often avoid being quoted directly. If Mr. Boulouque is found guilty of violating judicial secrecy, he will lose the Saleh case and could be given some form of suspended sentence for the offense.

WORLD BRIEFS

people and wounded more than 250 in Appeal was going to indict Mr. Boulouque. ning. This enabled the conservative gov. Faris, insisted that the Boulouque decision had been made "in a strictly judicial frame. Argentina Allows Onassis Body to Go.

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Argentine officials agreed Wednesday to allow the body of the shipping herress Christina Onassis to be flown home to Greece for burial, but pathologists continued tests to determine whether she might have been killed by drugs.

The body, in a scaled coffin in the Greek Orthodox Archbishopric in Buenos Aires, was flown to Athens on 2 Swissair flight, a spokesman for

the archbishopric said. On Tuesday night, An Argentine judge lifted restrictions that had delayed transfer of the body from Argentina until it

was no longer needed by forensic experts who were trying to establish that she did not die of drug abuse, suicide or homicide.

Miss Onassis, 37, daughter of the shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassidied Saturday, at the home of her friends Alberto and Marina Dodero of the outskirts of Buenos Aires. A judge ruled after an amtopsy that she did of acute pulmonary edema, an excess of fluid in the lungs, possibly cansi by a heart attack. But an expert said there were many causes pulmonary edema and pathologists were looking for barbiturates poison in tests of tissue samples taken from her body.

U.S. Tightens Curbs on Cuba Travel

WASHINGTON (Renters) — The United States tightened restriction.
Wednesday on travel to Cuba and the transfer of money to Cubans in

Wednesday on travel to Cuba and the transfer of money to Cubans in effort to reduce the flow of hard currency to the country.

In a rule published in the Federal Register, the Treasury Departm said that beginning Dec. 23, companies providing travel services, incl. ing tour operators and travel agents, would have to obtain a license first the department's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Banks or other first that serve as intermediaries in forwarding money to Cubans would a have to apply for licenses, the notice said. Companies would have to apply for licenses, the notice said. Companies would have to entire the licenses every year and provide reports every three mont identifying who traveled to Cuba and who in Cuba received remittance. The United States imposed an embargo on trade and financial transations with Cuba in July 1963. However, a limited number of U.S. citizen including those with close relatives in Cuba, are allowed to travel ther including those with close relatives in Cuba, are allowed to travel ther Americans can send up to \$500 every three months to Cuban relatives

Reagan Vetoes Ethics Legislation

SANTA BARBARA, California (UPI) — President Ronald Reagan vetoed an ethics bill Wednesday that would have restricted the lobbying activities of administration officials and members of Congress when they

leave the government. In a statement, the president said the bill was "flawed, excessive and discriminatory" and would drive "America's best talent" away from public service. The bill was the first effort to extend federal ethics laws to members of Congress. The bill would have imposed a lifetime ban on former officials "aiding or advising" anyone on matters in which they were "personally and substantially involved" while in government.

Mr. Reagan killed the measure after a week of intense opposition by most of his cabinet. President-elect George Bush said earlier in Washington that if Mr. Reagan vetoed the legislation, he would submit to the next Congress a strong ethics bill of his own.

Rallies Banned in Yugoslav Province

BELGRADE (AP) - Yugoslav police in the southern province of Kosovo banned ali mass gatherings on Wednesday after five days of the region's biggest rellies in more than four decades of Communist rule.

The indefinite ban on mass gatherings in Kosovo was announced by the state-run news agency Tanjug. It quoted Rahman Morina, Kosovo's chief of interior affairs, as saying "extraordinary circumstances have taken place which threaten public order."

The protests in Kosovo were triggered by the forced resignations Nov. 17 of two ethnic Albanian leaders, Kacusa Jasari and Azem Vlasi, under ssure from the Communist Party leadership in the republic of Serbia. Provincial party leaders have promised to review the resignations, possi-bly later this week.

Beirut Clerics Appeal to Shiite Foes BEIRUT (Reuters) — Lebanon's senior Moslem clerics appealed to

warring Shifte groups Wednesday to make peace as a fragile truce held in Being's battered southern suburbs.

The appeal, in the immediate aftermath of the most ferocious militia battles in six mouths, was from Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah and Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine, Sheikh Fadlallah is spiritu-al leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or Party of God, and Sheikh Shamseddine is vice president of the Higher Shiite Council.

"We call on both sides to settle their differences for good and seek stable and equal relations to end this tragedy so that everybody can be able to confront the challenges facing them internally and externally," Sbeikh Fadlallah said. Two persons were killed and 10 wounded in the inter-Shiite battles into Tuesday night.

For the Record

secret service agent by blocking the But last year he produced 500 distribution of the current issue of copies of the manuscript and sent Interpol elected Ivan Barbot, director-general of the French national police, as its president Wednesday at the general conference of the international police organization in Bangkok. Mr. Barbot succeeds John Simpson, director of the U.S. Secret Service. (Reuters) Harper's magazine in Britain. them to friends as a Christmas
The December issue of Harper's card, according to an introduction A copy was obtained by The Times of London, but the govern-

The International Committee of the Red Cross suspended activities Wednesday in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon, aix days after one of its staffers there was kidnapped, a spokesman in Geneva said. (AP) ment obtained an injunction to prevent further printing. The case The world president of the Church of Scientology was jailed Wednesday in Madrid pending investigation of charges ranging from fraud and tax offenses to coercion. If convicted, Heber Jentzsch of Los Angeles could

face up to 30 years in prison,

TRAVEL UPDATE

Seven more airlines have joined the International Air Transport Association in the past six months, bringing membership to 175. They are Aero-Lloyd (West Germany), Airline of the Marshall Islands, Air Littoral (France), Alaska Airline, Loganair (Britain), Sunflower Airline (Fiji Islands) and Swedair (Sweden). All-Nippon Airways is expected to join early next year.

Delta Air Lines has made safety improvements, but numerous "defi-ciencies" have still not been corrected, the Federal Aviation Administration said, winding up an inspection that was prompted by a crash Aug. 31

in which 14 people were killed. (NYT)

The European Commission is seeking a court injunction to force Italy to allow the Irish carrier Aer Lingus to inaugurate a flight from Dublin to

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died in 1981, was a homosexual and Arthur said Tuesday.

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KABUL: Chaos Is the Norm

(Continued from Page 1)

in on the capital, a most secure city. To many here, the steadfast re-fusal of Afghan drivers or pedestri-ans to cede the right of way is a metaphor for their unaccom ing, uncompromising political con- UN Chief Takes Charge

To Afghans, this belligerent irritability is an expression of weariness and frustration, a reaction to the stress and strain of a long war in which neither side appears to

Pérez de Coellar, announced have gained the allegiance of most charge of efforts to promote a po-litical settlement in Afghanistan by Afghans make it clear that they wish for something else, but in several days of informal chats no one creating a coalition government of national reconciliation to take

has expressed support for any of the active contenders. "It is a dream, wishful thinking maybe, but in politics there will always be a man on horseback, a man who saves the country," M. Asif Zahir, minister of rural reha-

bilitation, a non-party cabinet member, said. "We may not know him at all yet." Nonetheless, the chaotic but en-

ergetic street life of Kabul denotes iderable accomplishment. With the city largely cut off from its productive hinterlands, it has become dependent for basic needs on imports from two countries —

the Soviet Union and Pakistan. Despite the fact that guerrillas often block traffic on the two principal roads that link Kabul with those countries, causing shortages, the supplies arrive.
The lines of cars at gasoline sta-

tions are long, but the cars keep Power failures are frequent, as 14, 1989.

country's political factions. This is the first time the General Assembly has required the secre-

the government economizes on fuel. The first thing many Afghans

ask one another as they come to

work is if they had electricity the

Paul Lewis of The New York Times reported from the United Na-

The UN secretary-general, Javier

Wednesday that he was taking

pletes its military withdrawal.

The UN General Assembly had voted unanimously to ask him to

promote a compromise among the

night before.

tary-general to involve himself in the search for a political settlement in Afghanistan. The fact that it did so, diplomats say, shows that the Soviet Union believes the United Nations can do more to bring about a coalition government that would include some of Kabul's present Communist rulers, allowing it to complete its military withdrawal on time without a loss of face.

Removed from the role of seeking a settlement was Diego Cordóvez of Ecuador, who negotiated the Geneva accords under which the Soviet Union agreed to pull its forces out of Afghanistan by Feb.

U.K. to Decide Today on Tank Purchase Ministry of Defense officials de-

By Warren Getler nal Herald Tribune LONDON - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will meet with cabinet ministers Thursday to se-lect a new generation of battle tanks for the British Army, and again will face the delicate choice of buying British or American

The last time, in a closely watched selection of airborne early warning systems, she selected AWACS radar planes, built by the

Boeing Co. of Seattle, over the Brit-ish-built Nimrod. The political heat in Parliament generated by that decision was bearable. At the time, there was widespread conviction, particularly among British officers, that the up to 10,000. Possession of a do-Nimrod aircraft never fulfilled gov-mestic tank industry, some feel, is development stage

ernment expectations, after nearly central to claims of being a true £1 billion (\$1.8 billion) had been international power. Advanced invested in the project.

That decision to abandon Nimrod did not cripple the British military aerospace industry. On the contrary, Britain went on to land the biggest jet fighter sale ever with Sandi Arabia earlier this year. That sale confirmed Britain's place this year as the West's second largest arms exporter, after the United

But now, observers suggest, in choosing between the Abrams MIAI tank, built in Michigan by General Dynamics Corp., or the

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international power. Advanced clined to comment on these retanks almost certainly will find ports, which suggest that the promarkets abroad and thus improve posed Challenger 2 tank has far to the nation's trade balance.

Last week, more than 100 Conservative members of Parliament er model, the Challenger I. That petitioned Mrs. Thatcher to buy British, And a editorial in The Times of London followed with this blunt message: "The defense manufacturing industry in Britain cannot afford another defeat."

But British press reports have suggested that senior generals in the Ministry of Defense and at British bases in West Germany prefer the tried-and-tested Abrams, which has been in service with U.S. forces in West Germany since mid-1987. The Challenger 2 is still in the

Henry Dodds, an editor with Jane's Defense Data in London, said: "Both tanks are very good. It would be difficult to choose on technical grounds. But the government has to take an early decision, that is, oo Thursday, because there's been enough uncertainty for

go to overcome problems in firing

accuracy that have dogged an earli-

tank finished last in an internation-

Industry experts say, however,

that the performance gap between the U.S. and British tanks is far

narrower than the disparity be-

tween the AWACS and the Nim-

al firing competition last year.

"If Vickers wants to secure the export orders that they've been pursuing," he added, "it needs to have confirmation that they have won the British order. It's going to be a photo finish, but f think the government will go British."

An aide to Mrs. Thatcher said Wednesday that a final decision might not be made at the Thursday meeting, which will be attended by ministers of the Foreign Office, the Defense Department, the Finance Department and the Trade Department. But the aide said a decision had to be made soon.

Vickers says that if Mrs. Thatcher ultimately selects a U.S. tank over the Challenger, she would then be sounding the death knell of Britain's tank industry - which claims to have introduced the armored fighting vehicle in World War I. General Dynamics counters with pledges that it is prepared to have its tank assembled in Britain and have oumerous components sourced by British firms.



2 DIE IN MADRID BOMBING - Wreckage lies in front of the headquarters of the paramilitary Civil Guard after a carbomb blast Tuesday night killed 2 persons and injured 45. Authorities blamed the ETA separatist group for the blast.

Britain Blocks Delivery

Of Harper's Magazine

NEW YORK - The British gov- When Mr. Cavendish submitted ernment has broadened its efforts the book for government review, he

By Albert Scardino

New York Times Service

includes excerpts of "Inside MI6"

by Anthony Cavendish, who re-

tired more than 30 years ago.
In a letter last week to the British

distributor of Harper's, Condé

Nast and National Magazine Dis-

tributors Ltd., David Hogg, an as-

sistant Treasury solicitor, warned that the company would run the risk of contempt of a court order if

if delivered its 200 copies of the

The distribution company, though incorporated in Britain, is owned by two American partners,

Conde Nast and The National

Magazine Co., a division of Hearst.
The sovernment of Prime Minis-

ter Margaret Thatcher has tried for

more than three years to block distribution of the book on the grounds that it violates the Official

Mr. Cavendish wrote the book as

defense of Sir Maurice Oldfield,

the former director of MI6, Brit-

ain's counterintelligence service.

Mrs. Thatcher and other officials

have asserted that Sir Maurice, who

Secrets Act.

that his "foodness for young men"

· compromised his work.

by the editors of Harper's.

After "Inside MI6" was banned.

a British-American literary journal, Granta, attempted to publish ex-

corpts this fall in its American edi-

tion. But under a similar threat of

contempt action, Granta and its

distributor in the United States, Viking Penguin, published an arti-cle about the book, but blanked out

John R. MacArthur, the president and publisher of Harper's,

said the magazine would fight the

ban because of similarities to ef-

forts by the U.S. government to

limit the publication of routine in-

"This is the first time the Thatch-

er government has extended the Official Secrets Act beyond the borders of Britain to censor an

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Leading Anthropologist

Benazir Bhutto speaking Wednesday in Islamabad

Revolutionized Study

New York Time Service Mr. Dart, an anatomist, revolu-

The skull was the first early buman fossil found in Africa. With his find, Mr. Dart upset orthodox scientific thinking, inspired the extensive searches for a "missing link" between apes and humans throughout Africa and was the forerunner of some of the most illustrious fossil hunters on that continent, such as the Leakey fam-

The skull, commonly called the in rock at a mine near Taung, a village 400 miles (about 640 kilometers) southwest of Johannes-

- When Mr. Dart, a professor at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, chipped away the rock, he exposed the nearly complete skull of a 3-year-old child.

buman-sized, Mr. Dart, as an expert on the brain, recognized that its shape displayed human charac-

His announcement met with widespread skepticism and even scorn among scientists. Nearly all theories of human origins then assumed that the birthplace of man-kind would be found in Asia, not

Vindication came to Mr. Dart slowly and not until a succession of fossil discoveries by Louis Leakey in East Africa after World War II. Other deaths:

Janet Kidd, 80, daughter of the first Lord Beaverbrook, the Canadian-born newspaper magnate and politician, Friday in the village of Ewhurst southwest of London, No cause of death was given.

Margaret C. (Peggy) Parish, 61, the children's author of the "Amelia Bedelia" series and other books, Friday of a ruptured abdominal aneurism, in Manning, South Caro-

AUTHORS WANTED BY N.Y. PUBLISHER

Bhutto Says Rivals Are Using Bribes to Block Appointment By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Benarize Bhutto said Wednesday that unidentified political rivale some of Afghanisman and a majority in the superson of Afghanisman and a majority in the superson of Afghanisman and a majority in the superson who the president pondered his next move. Miss Photo 1939 Miss Photo

unidentified political rivals, some of them incumbent government officials, were bribing and intimidat- in Pakistan to go home. ing legislators to prevent her from becoming prime minister.

Miss Bhutto, speaking at a news conference, said that in a two-hour meeting Tuesday night she told the acting president, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, that any further delay in naming her prime minister was not only unconstitutional but also destabilizing in a country only learning to practice democracy.

Miss Bhutto said that the president agreed to further consultation on the issue and that constitutional experts from her party and from

the government were meeting.
Since Miss Bhutto's party did
not win an outright majority in the
National Assembly last week, the political situation has been open to considerable interpretation and

A spokesman for the Islamic Democratic Alliance which is attempting to deny Miss Bbutto the Brooklyn Bridge, but what these

pointed to her cabinet.

name, Miss Bhutto said that her political enemies, using their ties to than three million Afghan refugees She declined to comment on Payear rule of the late Mohammed not name.

Zia-ul Haq, were attempting to unkistan's nuclear program. There have been reports that the country has the capability of producing nudercut her strength in the legislature before it meets Dec. 5.

Miss Bhutto met Tuesday for three hours with General Mirza Aslam Beg, the army chief of staff.

She said that she told the presi-

She said that ber party would have won in a landslide if there had the remaining civilian and military officials appointed under the 11-

In national elections Nov. 16, Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won 92 seats, a phurality but She said that government vehicles were being used for political purposes and that police officers ple. She said Wednesday that she dent and General Beg of ber fears were being sent to intimidate legishad the necessary votes to assure a majority, but she has declined to the prime minister should be the people."

Nawaz Sharif, won 55 seats, leaving 40 to independents and the rest smaller Moslem parties and holders of places reserved for religious minorities and women.

Although most Pakistanis expect Miss Bhutto to be given the first chance to form a government, Mr. Sharif insists he can control more seats and should be the president's

two weeks to name a prime minister. He appeared to want to wait until the National Assembly has met and has elected a speaker and

deputy speaker. Our view is that the National Assembly cannot be called by the president in the absence of a prime minister." Miss Bhutto said. Shesaid the delay was giving her rivals "a longer time to use the official, machinery to subvert the will of the

Raymond Dart Is Dead;

JOHANNESBURG — Ray-mond Dart, 95, the Australianborn South African anthropologist who in 1924 discovered a "missing link" between man and ape, died Tuesday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

By John Noble Wilford

tionized the study of human origins with his discovery of an early human fossil in Africa.

ily and Donald Johanson,

Taung child, was found embedded

Although its braincase was not

Pair Is Arrested for Selling Brooklyn Bridge, Bit by Bit

clear weapons.

On Afghanistan, she repeated assurances that there would be contithan \$37,000 to replace, he said.

Mr. Sauco, 37, and Mr. Berisi, NEW YORK — Two men have 36, were charged with grand larce-been charged with dismantling and ny, criminal mischief, reckless enselling parts of the Brooklyn dangerment, criminal trespass and Bridge, authorities say.

"People joke about selling the cer Gallagher said. The thefts severely weakened the walkway and

tempting to deny Miss Bbutto the job of prime minister by building a coalition in the legislature, described her charges of the misuse of power as "completely unfounded."

Miss Bhutto, answering questions on other topics, shied away from detailed discussions of domestic or foreign policy. She declined to say who might be appointed to her cabinet.

Brooklyn Bridge, but what these guys did is not funny, it's danger: carvalk of the bridge, and both were closed for repairs.

"They were flinging these heavy pieces of metal onto the ground by the bridge," Mr. Schwartz said. "And for our ironworkers, who pieces of the 105-year-old suspension bridge's walkway, said Officer our ironworkers, who sometimes are called out for emersion bridge's walkway, said Officer our ironworkers, and for our ironworkers, who sometimes are called out for emersion bridge's walkway and is not funny, it's danger.

"They were flinging these heavy pieces of metal onto the ground by the bridge," Mr. Schwartz said. "And for our ironworkers, who sometimes are called out for emersion bridge's walkway and is not funny, it's danger. man. The material was apparently lives. They're lucky they were





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Bush Names Scowcroft National Security Adviser

By Judith Havemann

Weathington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Presidentelect George Bush on Wednesday named Brent Scowcroft, an expert on the Soviet Union and the national security adviser to President Gerald R. Ford, to serve in the same post in the Bush administra-

The timing of the announcement uming was a surprise, but the choice of Mr. Scowcroft was oot. He had been the leading contender for the job.

"He is not a policymaker in the sense that the secretary of state will be the chief spokesman, obviously, in foreign policy matters," Mr.

ly the feelings of cabinet members that are involved in international affairs."

The president-elect had promised to "reinvigorate" the government by bringing in many new faces from around the country. But in making his appointments so far, he has turned to familiar figures in government or politics.

Mr. Scowcroft, a retired Air Force heutenant general and a pro-tégé of Henry A. Kissinger, "has earned the respect of world leaders around the globe." Mr. Bush said.

"Brent is a trusted friend and he understands the White House, he fore going to Maine for a five-day Department, the way the Hill join Mr. Bush in the early-morning

of Eastern European nations.

Soviet forces in any single country

to a ratio of that natioo's own

army, "We woo't talk about ra-oos," a U.S. official said. "We'll set

ceilings for the number of tanks

and artillery, but it amounts to the

are in Western Europe, so this ap-

proach will test the readiness of

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's

promise to accept deeper cuts on

Overall, the country-by-country

approach is expected to produce a

final package that would leave an

NATO and the Warsaw Paet,

which currently enjoys military su-

periority in conventional forces in

ington as a politically appealing

way to formulate Western objec-

azon C. Aquino refused demands tives. But France, which keeps its Tuesday, stipulates that the con-of the group for an immediate re-forces independent of the NATO ventional arms negotiations will be

command, opposes the formula-

tion because it would lump French farces into NATO. So this goal will

not be adopted officially, but oego-

tiators will keep it in mind, U.S.

The "mandate," officials said.

needs only a solution to a few re-

maining human rights issues, which

would clear the way for a human

conditions, which only involves

officials said.

balance of forces between

the Soviet side than in the West.

same thing.

"We woo't talk about ra-

vacation. "He will be an honest works and the intelligence commu-broker. He will convey to me exact-nity as well," the president-elect could be awakened. Mr. Scowcroft by the family as well, "the president-elect could be awakened. Mr. Scowcroft

Mr. Bush said that when be worked for Mr. Scowcroft as head of the Central Intelligence Agency Scowcroft for handling off-hours in the Ford administration, "Brent emergencies were: "Shake me and Scoweroft made very, very sure wake me." that the intelligence community stayed out of the policy business.

Mr. Bush said that he and Mr. the National Security Council staff Scowcroft agreed that "caution is called for" in dealing with the Soviissues, but that "that doesn't mean there won't be forward progress."

opportunity," be said. said that the "Scowcroft NSC lead-The president-elect joked that ership" would be modeled after understands the military, the State Mr. Scowcroft would be invited to that of the Ford administration.

Mr. Bush said Wednesday that et Union on arms control and other Mr. Scowcroft and the current national security adviser, Lieutenant General Colin L. Powell, represent-"I do think that we have a great ed the "ideal" in such a role. He said that the "Scowcroft NSC lead-

Mr. Scowcroft served on two im-

under Mr. Ford.

regularly working 18-hour days.

eight years of the Reagan administration, one to evaluate various op-tions for the deployment of the MX is well known in Washington for Mr. Bush said his orders to Mr. missile, and the second to study the role of the National Security Council after the fran-contra affair.

The latter, headed by former Senator John C. Tower of Texas, The self-effacing Mr. Scowcroft succeeded Mr. Kissinger as head of who is under consideration for the job of Secretary of Defense, studied the National Security Council in considerable detail after it was determined that the council staff had been directing the sale of arms to Iran and diverting some of the proceeds to aid the Nicaraguan

■ Comments by Scowcroft In answer to reporters' questions, Mr. Scowcroft said Wednesday that there was "no question" that there were serious pro the military budget, The Associated Press reported from Washing-

"It is substantially underfunded," he said, adding that Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci already had taken "some very courageous steps in the direction of read-

justing the defense program."
"Mare has to be done," be said.
Questioned about whether U.S. allies should bear more of the defense load for the free world, Mr. Scowcroft said: "It's of course especially important for the United States at this particular time, But I think it's also important to approach this general issue cooperaively with our allies, not combat-

He said it was too soon to say whether East-West negotiations on cutting long-range ouclear forces would resume on schedule in the

Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, peeled an apple during a meeting at his home at which he and his aides decided to end negotiations to join the Likud bloc in forming a coalition government.

ISRAEL: A U.S. Rabbi Holds the Balance of Power

A Pragmatic Professional Takes Over

WASHINGTON - Brent Scowcroft, selected by President-elect George Bush to be his national security adviser, is a retired three-star Air Force general known for his moderate views, pragmatism and professionalism.

Mr. Scowcroft, 63, has been called upon frequently over the years for troubleshooting and consensus-building, most recently having spearheaded a compromise for the MX missile and having reviewed the Iran-contra scandal for President Ronald Reagan.

The former professor was one of three men Mr. Reagan chose for the special commission that studied his National Security Council staff operations in the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the subsequent diversion of money to Nicaraguan contra rebels. The chairman of that panel, former Senator John Tower of Texas, is said to be Mr. Bush's choice to be secretary of

has been strongly influenced by

France," Mr. Thomas said, adding,

frequency.

We are conceptually on the same

The thrust of the Western arms-

cut proposal — which officials said

could be ready in time to be an-

nounced at a NATO ministerial meeting in early December — con-

cerns the proportion of "stationed

forces" on both sides, an approach

Manila Arrests

A Union Leader

The Associated Press

MANILA - Police arrested a

leader of a militant transportation

union Wednesday after he threat-

ened to expand a strike by drivers

of passenger jeeps, anthorities said.

an association of drivers known as

PISTON, had threatened to broad-

en the walkout after President Cor-

duction in commodity prices or a

freeze in fare reductions. General

Alfredn Lim, the Manila police

charged with inciting to sedition.

union leader arrested since PIS-

TON began a transport strike

Monday in Manila and Cebu. The

union president, Medardo Roda,

was arrested Mooday and charged

with inciting sedition. Passenger

jeeps are the main form of land

transport in the Philippines.

Mr. Espiritu was the secood

chief, said Mr. Espiritu wou

Deogracias Espiritu, secretary of

Mr. Scowcroft rose to prominence as national security adviser to President Gerald R. Ford from 1975 to 1977. Earlier, be had served as military assistant to the president (1972 to 1973) and deputy national security adviser (1973 to 1975).

Mr. Scowcroft, a Mormon, was bom in Og-den, Utah. He attended the U.S. Military Academy and advanced through the Air Force ranks to lieutenant general. Along the way, be did graduate work at Georgetown University and earned masters and doctorate degrees from Columbia University.

After the Ford administration, Mr. Scowcroft served as an arms control adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He also served on a oumber of special commissions, including one appoint-ed by Mr. Reagan to study basing possibilities for the MX missile, and was on a Council on Foreign Relations group that studied the prob-lems of U.S. bases in the Philippines.

tailored to move Soviet forces out the past they were prepared to do," of Eastern European nations. a U.S. official said.

This approach reflects a French idea that NATO should seek to cut carries us into the new year, but

Soviet forces are much larger in signed in 1975. The Heisinki meet-the Warsaw Pact than U.S. forces ing set up the Conference on Secu-

This idea of equal ceilings for both alliances is viewed in Wash-rate and simple as possible.

rights conference in Moscow in Western position, apparently be-1991. "The Soviets have our list of cause he was annoyed by repeated

steps that they've already said in Warsaw Pact negotiations" during

everybody wants Vienna to happen

oow." the official said. Agreement

at Vienna is a condition to the

conventional talks, which are seen

as an outgrowth of the ongoing

East-West political dialogue stem-ming from the Helsinki Final Act

rity and Cooperation in Europe

(CSCE), a forum involving 35 na-

tions - the 23 nations aligned in

NATO or the Warsaw Pact, plus 12

cused on how tightly the disarma-

ment talks will be embedded in the

framework of the CSCE, with

France wanting tight linkage be-

tween the 23-nation disarmament

talks and the 12 neutral nations.

while the United States wants to

A compromise formula, reached

at NATO offices in Brussels on

said. Both sides, while preparing

talks progress, said that it closed

France had reopened this ques-

suddenly decided to review the

references to the talks as "NATO-

Western ranks in Vienna.

The U.S.-French friction fo-

neutral or nonaligned nations.

In contrast to Mr. Bush, he has questioned Mr. Reagan's plans for early deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative missile defense sys-

He has suggested that the developing plan be used as a bargaining chip in U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations, a view Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush have rejected.

Mr. Scowcroft was born March 19, 1925, and was graduated in 1947 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He finished pilot training in October 1948 and served in varied operational and administrative posi-

He married Marian Horner in 1951 and received a master's degree from Columbia University in 1953, becoming an assistant professor of Soviet history at West Point that year.

of West Germany.

In 1964, be was first assigned to the Penta-

his conversations in Bonn last Fri-day with Chancellor Helmot Kohl

In the French view, the CSCE

context underscores the fact that

the conventional arms talks -- in

contrast to ouclear arms negotia-tions, which are conducted bilater-

ally hy the superpowers - involve

all the nations with forces in Eu-

In addition, a French presiden-

tial aide said, the arms talks must

be seen as part of a larger process

of breaking down the division of Europe, the goal being pursued by stages within the CSCE.

The CSCE will also seek to re-

duce the risk of military confronta-

tion in another set of planned talks.

on confidence-building measures in Europe, providing for inspec-tions and other precautions to pre-

A quick breakthrough in these

talks, expected to be comparatively simple, could help maintain mo-

mentum in the overall conventional

official involved in U.S. planning.

many armies and so many coun-

Soviet forces stationed outside the

Western diplomats had original-

vent surprise attack.

"autonomous within the CSCE ly planned to divide Europe into

process," U.S. and French officials negotiating zones, for a staged ap-said. Both sides, while preparing proach to the complex problem of

for future maneuvering in inter-preting this formulation as the mored personnel carriers in so

tries.

Ешгоре.

DISARM: Allies Are Nearly Ready to Open Talks on Conventional Arms

Burt Reported To Be Joining

BONN - The U.S. ambassador to West Germany, Richard R. Burt, will join a New York investment firm after the Reagan administration ends, a West German business magazine said Wednesday.

Mr. Burt plans to work at the investment firm Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., according to Wirtschaftwoche, a Düsseldorf-hased weekly. The U.S. Embassy in Bonn refused

Wirtschaftswoche said that

Investing Firm The Associated Press

to confirm the report.

several West German companies had expressed an interest in Mr. Burt. They included the media firm Bertelsmann AG, the electronics company Sie-mens AG, and the industrial concern Daimler-Benz AG.

arms-control talks, according to an Soviet Troops Die

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But the zone proposal, a U.S. tion last week after Mr. Mitterrand official said, was being discarded and replaced by the plan to target

Armenians in Yerevan, accord-

Australian Population Is Up

The Associated Press CANBERRA, Australia - Australia's population grew by 268,600 in the past year to 16.5 million.

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the votes were enough to form the men to come inside for prayer. balance of power between Israel's two major parties in the stalemated

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Last week, Prime Minister Yitz-

hak Shamir won the endorsements

of Agudat and Shas for another

term in office. He did it by bowing

to demands that critics say could

seriously curtail religious freedom

in Israel and place new restrictions

on the definition of who is a Jew. That in turn could lead to an attack

on the legitimacy of the the Reform

and Conservative movements to

which most American Jews belong.

Rabbi Schneerson's triumph il-

lustrates what critics see as the

weakness of Israel's paralyzed elec-

toral system. It enabled a small

group of Jewish fundamentalists to

old tribal fend dictate who is the

next prime minister?" asked Rabbi

political freedom to people who be-

one of the most charismatic and

controversial figures in the Jewish

Rabhi Schneerson's lectures are

overseas and made available on vi-

deocassettes. The Habad "mitzva-

mobile," a van fitted with a loud-

Habad, whose annual budget reportedly exceeds \$50 million, also boasts an international network of seminaries, summer camps, adult education schools, crisis intervention centers and drug rehabilitation clinics. Many of its financial supporters are not ultra-Orthodox, hut secularists who admire Habad's institutions and its good works on behalf of Jews worldwide.

But there is another side to Habad that troubles many Jewish theologians and many of its fellow ultra-Orthodox. While some are merely bothered by the gimmickry of the mitzvamobile and other Habad innovations, others see strains of intolerance and fanaticism run-

ning through the movement.

The struggle over the divisive question of who is a Jew is an force through their own political agenda, one that may prove ultimately detrimental to Israel's interexample. While most other ultra-Orthodox leaders have sought to But it also illustrates the deep resonance of conflicts within the Jewish world, in which a religious play it down, Rabbi Schneerson has pressed the issue for 30 years, insisting on amending Israel's Law dispute that began in 18th-century of Return to require that all who Russia and, separately, a bitter turf convert to Judaism from other fight between rival American Jewfaiths do so under the precepts of ish groups, have spilled over into the modern Jewish state. traditional Jewish law, which is not honored by Reform Jews and only "Where else would a 200-yearpartially adhered to by many Con-

servatives. His followers say Rabbi David Hartman, an Orthodox Jew-ish philosopher. "Everyone from the Jewish past has come here to Schneerson wants the amendment because he wants Israel to be truly a state of the Jews. But crities point live and to struggle. We didn't sucto other motives that have little to ceed in creating a new Jewish socido with Israel.

cty. And now we've ransomed our Habad sees itself locked into a competition for Jewish souls with the Reform and Conservative lieve in magic rites and curses, and they're the ones who may get to define who is a Jew and who isn't." movements, who in effect are its main rivals for young American Habad, the movement at the cen- Jews. It sees these modern moveter of this dispute, is perhaps the ments as illegitimate and potentialmost modern of Judaism's diverse tity issue to undermine them by ultra-Orthodox sects. And its spiridelegitimizing their rahbis and tual leader, Rabbi Schneerson, is their conversions.

Habad's relationship to Israel differs from other ultra-Orthodox, many of whom do not recognize the Jewish state. Habad members have hroadcast oo cable television throughout the United States and long served in the Israeli army and Habad's schools are part of the government's religious education network, oot separated the way Agudat's institutions are. Israeli speaker to eall the faithful, leaders often find their way to Rab- year.

distributes candles to families for bi Schneerson's Crown Heights the Jewish Sabbath and encourages home. Menachem Begin was a reghome. Menachem Begin was a reg-ular visitor, as are Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir.

Judaism recognizes no priests or saints, and every Jewish soul sup-posedly is equal before God. Yet rebbes traditionally are said to have special powers. Rahbi Schneerson purportedly has healed the sick, restored fertility to barren women and averted family trage-

He has never claimed publicly to be the messiah, but critics say he has been slow to deny the claim when made by his followers. They contend that this is why Rabbi Schneerson has never set foot in Israel: under Jewish tradition, the messiah will arrive only when the era of redemption begins,

Opposition in U.S.

America's major alliance of Orthodox rabbis has split with Israel's Orthodox religious parties that have been urging a new govern-ment to change the definition of who is a Jew, The New York Times reported from New York.

The Rabbinical Couocil of America supports removal of this issue from the political agenda," the alliance said in a telegram to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The council is a moderate Orthodox group that says it represents about 1.000 Orthodox rabbis, or 90 percent of the Orthodox rabbis with major congregations across the United States.

■ Rabbis Defend Plan

Israel's two chief rabbis criticized on Wednesday U.S. Jewish groups for making a "big fuss" over a proposed change in the legal definition of who is a Jew, The Associated Press reported from Jerusa-

bi Mordechai Eliahu and Rabbi Avraham Shapiro stressed they had nn desire to cause a division with adherents of the Reform and Conscrvative streams of Judaism that predominate in North America.

They argued the changes were designed to affect only Israel, where virtually all Jews are Orthodox, and would directly touch only a few non-Orthodox converts who wish to immigrate to Israel each

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peared on a balcony and, without warning, began firing on the barracks parade ground with a rifle, the spokesman said. Mr. Antunes then locked himself in a room and shot himself, inflicting serious

LISBON - A Portuguese civil

Soviet Union, which he described as the main source of instability in

guard corporal opened fire at a Lisbon barracks Wednesday, killing four of his colleagues and wounding 12 others, then tried to take his own life, a guard spokes-

Corporal Saraiva Antunes ap-

small hamlet of Topkhana, where

the disputed construction was suspended last Friday, and in Yerevan, to urge resumption of the Sopreme Soviet meeting. No injuries were reported in ei-

ther Yerevan or Baku, although Salevi A. Perets, a spokesman for the official Azerbaijani information bureau, said there had been "some hooliganism" in Baku, "When you have so many people and feelings are running so high, it's hard for people tn bold themselves in check," Mr. Perets said.

ing to one resident, were afraid that the boiling emotions in Azerbaijan might result in another anti-Armenian attack like the one Feb. 28 and 29 in the Caspian scaport of Sumgait. According to Mr. Perets, special police protection has been set up in predominantly Armenian regions of Baku.

HUNGARY: Signs of Change (Continued from Page 1) lens Tuesday, was considered to be ter.

more conservative and less indeeral rival candidates, including two Politburo members regarded a liberals, Imre Pozsgay and Rezso Apparently in a compromise ges-

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ture, the Central Committee nominated Mr. Nyers, 65, the anthor of Hungary's original economic program for change in 1968, to the newly created post of "government economic minister," a position party officials said would be equiva-

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lens to being a deputy prime minis-

Non-Communist political activpendent from Mr. Grosz than sevists and Western diplomats said the choice of Mr. Nemeth could work against the declared goals of the political change because of his relative lack of stature and close association with Mr. Grosz.

Mr. Nemeth acknowledged the criticism but said he would not play a subordinate role. "I think my commitment to reform both in the economic and political sphere has been obvious both inside and outside the country," be said.

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PRAGUE: A Crackdown

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group that said, wheo it was ormed last year, that it would lobby for greater political phuralism, has suspended activities because of official harassment.

Leaders of the Movement for

Civil Freedom, whose goal is to promote political activity outside the Communist Party, said that members' homes bad heen searched and that many people had been summoned to police stations far questioning. We were originally 122 people out nevertheless many other people

were interested, and we could expect hundreds or even thousands would like to join," said Vaclay Benda, one of the organizers. "But the regime's reaction has been correspondingly harsh, with threats and the decision to begin investigations of our members. Mr. Benda said he had been told

of at least 25 house searches since the end of October, and that about 10 people had been summoned daily for questioning. One of those jailed was Ivan Jir-

ous, who was arrested earlier this month for gathering signatures in a petition to demand a full explanation of the death during pre-trial detention of another dissident, Pavel Wonka.

An official autopsy and a later review by independent foreign medical experts absolved the authorities of responsibility in Mr. Wonka's death But human-rights campaigners say they believe the government

Paris Is Being Buzzed Again

may not have been entirely forth-

coming in revealing the circum-

stances of his death.

Agence France-Presse PARIS - France's Black Baron" struck again Tuesday night, flying a light plane illegally over the Elysée Palace of the French president, police said Wednesday. No one knows if the spate of flights over Paris by light planes is the work of one pilot or several, but the press has baptized all of them as flights by the "Black Baron."



How Infants Learn About Life From Television

By Daniel Goleman

New York Times Service WHEN infants as young as 10 months old watch television, they are not simply staring at pretty patterns and colors on the screen. Instead, they are often engaged in learning tasks that promote their intellectual

development, new research suggests. Watching television, certain kinds of programs at least, can help infants acquire langnage skills, the ability to perform physical tasks and an understanding that what they are watching is related to the rest of life around them, researchers say.

Some studies are finding that television helps teach infants the skills necessary for learning language just as effectively as reading simple stories to them. And in one new finding, scientists said that an infant could learn to take to pieces a new toy by watching a demonstration on television.

The latest research, published in the current issue of Child Development, also refutes an influential theory, which maintained that to understand that a two-dimensional image, such as a painting or television image, represents three-dimensional reality, an infant must acquire that knowledge. The latest findings suggest that the ability is innate.

"The little ones can more or less learn from television as they would from a book." exidence of the standard of the standard from a book."

television as they would from a book," said Mabel Rice, a psychologist at the University of Kansas, "especially if the program is de-signed for it, like 'Sesame Street.'"

Infants under one year pay attention to the screen for only about 10 percent of the time they are exposed to it, while babies from one to two years watch for about 30 percent of the time that the television is on, according to a

study by Daniel Anderson, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

"Between one and two, babies' language comprehension is way ahead of what they can say," Mr. Anderson said. "They can make sense of the kind of slow-moving, simple segments you see on "Sesame Street," but still may have trouble understanding the quick montage editing that is the visual language of most television shows."

The youngest age at which infants seem to understand what they are watching on televi-sion is 10 months, the researchers said. But there are special difficulties in studying the mental reactions of infants before they can

Mabel Rice reported in The Journal of Child Language that an important language skill that television could help infants to learn was the matching of a name to an object. In her research, done with Dafna Lemish, a psychologist, toddlers of 12 to 18 months were observed as they watched television at home with a parent. "We found that the toddlers used the television just as if it were a talking picture book," Ms. Rice said.

Such learning from the television is en-hanced if an adult watches television with the infant and talks about what they are seeing, said Gabriel Solomon, a psychologist at the University of Tel Aviv.

Apart from language, infants seem to learn how to deal with the physical world from watching television, according to additional research published in Child Development. In a study by Andrew Meltzoff, a psychologist at the University of Washington, babies as young as 14 months were able to learn from watching TV how to manipulate a toy they had never seen before.

Io the study, babies watched a small black-and-white television monitor. On the screen, they saw a man pick up a special dumbbell-shaped toy that could be pulled apart.

For 20 of the babies, their parents then put the same toy on the table in front of them; 13 of the 20 immediately picked up the toy and pulled it apart, as they had seen demonstrated oo television. Another group of 20 was not shown the toy until the next day.

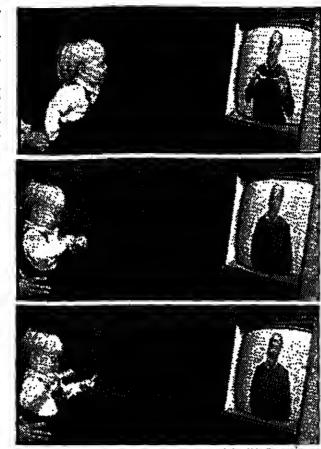
Still, eight of them also showed that they knew what to do with the toy by pulling it apart. This showed, Mr. Meltzoff said, that babies could absorb information on first viewing, then apply it appropriately when the opportunity arose, even when that moment was much later.

Babies in a group that watched the adult on television pick up the toy but not take it spart did more poorly on the task. Only four of 10 could take the toy apart immediately after the television display and only one of 10 could take the toy apart a day later.

Mr. Meltzoff's study also has strong theoretical implications. Theorists have long wondered whether infants can understand that a small, two-dimensional image on a screen represents what goes on in the world around "Some theories have held that infants don't

recognize the correspondence between an image on the TV screen and the real object it represents, Mr. Meltzoff said.

"Our work shows that this ability is there quite early, before language," Mr. Meltzoff said. "We suspect it may be innate."



IN BRIEF

Reagan Signs Superconductivity Bill

WASHINGTON (NYT) - Over the objections of the energy secretary, John S. Herrington, President Ronald Reagan has signed legislation establishing a program to speed research and development in superconductivity, a new field of science that could revolutionize energy, electronics and transportation industries.

Superconductivity is a phenomenon in which certain materials exhibit virtually no resistance to the flow of electric current. Scientists say. superconductivity could lead to such advances as high-speed power lines and magnetically levitated trains.

Mr. Herringtoo had argued that a national plan would result in the government's "becoming entangled in the affairs of commercial enterprise and usurping industry prerogatives to compete freely."

Fragments Linked to Lethal Asteroid

WASHINGTON (WP) - Two geologists said they have discovered what appear to be tiny fragments of an asteroid that slammed into the What appear to be they fragments of an asteroid that scientists suspect an asteroid collision triggered a global mass extinction that wiped out the dinosaurs. The fragments may be pieces of the lethal asteroid.

The dustlike particles were found in Zumaya, Spain, in the same thin

layer that contains an unusually high concentration of the element iridium, which is scarce on the Earth's surface but common in asteroids.

The report was presented last month at a conference on global catastrophes by Stanley V. Margolis and Eric F. Doehne of the University

Wetlands Preservation Goals Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) -- An environmental study has recomm that Congress set a national goal of reversing the centuries-old trend of

destroying more wetlands than are created. The report by the National Wetlands Policy Forum called on Congress to approve legislation encouraging the formation of wetlands preservation trusts, perhaps by restoring some tax incentives for land donations that were restricted by the 1986 tax law overhaul.

The report says that the Louisiana coast must get priority attention in considering a search for public land for wellands restoration, perhaps through diversion of Mississippi River sediment into the region. The Louisiana coast is suffering "extremely high wellands losses from ero-

A Way to Eradicate Deadly Ticks

WASHINGTON (WP) — A method of controlling ticks that spread Lyme disease has been developed at the Harvard School of Public Health, researchers said. They said it can eradicate ticks from treated areas.

lowering the risk of spreading the potentially debilitating disease.

The disease was discovered in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut. Early Among the many astrophysicists Dr. Thorne and his colleagues consulted during the yearlong prepara-tion of their wormhole report was Dr. Robert M. Wald, a prominent theoretical physicist at the Univer-sity of Chicago. Dr. Wald said that space-time "handles" spontaneousimpressions suggested it caused joint pain resembling arthritis, but it has since been found that the effects can be far more severe. Heart disorders and brain damage can also result, sometimes many years after the tick bite. More than 1,500 cases were reported last year.

The disease is caused by a parasite, called a spirochete, carried by deer ticks and injected into the bodies of animals or people that the tick

Couples Still Healthier Than Singles

BOSTON (UPI) — Despite changes in American marital patterns, married and unmarried couples who live together are healthier overall than their single, divorced and widowed counterparts, a government which is far smaller even than an researcher has reported.

tinuously occur; particles sponta-oeously jump into and out of exis-Charlotte Schoenborn of the National Center for Health Statistics said 1987 survey of 122,859 people in 47,240 families nationwide found tence or change in character. The married and cohabiting people had fewer health problems than unmardramatic changes that go on inside the microstructure of what scien-

"We basically found that yes, married people are generally healthier," said Ms. Schoeaborn while presenting her findings during a meeting of the American Public Health Association.

too small and their collective averaged effects cancel each other out. **Big Bellies and Heart Problems** But experiments bave shown, ac-

WASHINGTON (AP) - If one's pannch is fatter than one's haunch, cording to Dr. Thorne, that events the chances are one is at greater risk of having a heart attack, a stroke or within the "quantum foam" can be manipulated to some extent, pro-

ducing effects observable in the "classical" world: the everyday Scientists at the American Heart Association meeting said recently that series of studies in the United States, Europe and Canada have confirmed that a pooling of fat about the middle is a clear signal of heart attack risk. possible that eventually someone

A Santa Claus-style belly can be as dangerous to the heart as cigarette smoking, high blood pressure or excess cholesterol in the bloodstream, said Per Bjorntorp of the University of Goteborg in Sweden.

Wormholes' in Space May Be Key to Time Travel

By Malcolm W. Browne Yurtsever of the California Insti-

New York Times Service

OULD some advanced civilizatioo devise a tunnel that would opeo shortcuts through space between distant regions of the universe or through time into

The traditional reaction of most scientists to such ootions is to dismiss them as science fiction. But three theoretical astropbysicists have published a suggestion that the laws of physics might not probibit such "wormbole" travel through space and time. is oot the Dr. Kip S. Thorne and Dr. Ulvi contend.

tute of Technology and Dr. Mi-chael S. Morris of the University of Wisconsin presented their startling tigious scientific journal is an offi-cial publication of the American If travel into the past could be cial publication of the American
Physical Society, and it accepts scishown to be at least theoretically

viewed by independent experts. Dr. Thorne and his colleagues is oot theoretically possible, they

ruled out, they said, although it would probably be possible to set- ed: "If the laws of physics permit tle the issue one way or the other on an advanced civilization to create conclusion in a recent paper in theoretical grounds. Science would Physical Review Letters. This pres-

entific papers for publication only after they have been rigorously re-would have profound philosophical and scientific consequences. Since a time traveler might theoretstopped short of predicting that anyone would ever travel through cosmic "wormholes." It has yet to or her own birth, the rules of caube proved whether such travel is or sality on which science is based

has continued since, and Dr. Erick-

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Topological considerations of a wormhole— the journey to a higher-dimensional space and time

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Archaeologists Revive a Lost Secret Of Farming in the Peruvian Andes

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

OR centuries, beginning Eroded remains of the ancient son estimated that up to 200 acres T around 3,000 years ago, there flourished on the high plains of the cover more than 200,000 acres (30,000 hectares) of the low-lying the first five years caca a simple but ingenious form of agriculture that enabled ancient peoples to reap bumper crops in the face of flood, drought and the killing frost of those 12,000-fout (3,600-meter) altitudes.

Now archaeologists have discovered the secrets of those pre-Columbian fields and found that the techniques can outperform modern agricultural technologies under cir-cumstances found throughout

much of the Third World today. Using what is known as experi mental archaeology, the scientists have restored an art that died out and was mostly lost even before the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors io the 16th century.

All that survived were croding traces of raised, rectangular plat forms of earth alternating with canals in a corduroy pattern across thousands of acres of flat expanse. Modern-day Peruvian Indians called the platforms waru waru and

behind by a revered "first race" who ruled the area before the Incas lo the archaeological experi ment. Peruvians using ancient im-plements have reconstructed the raised-platform fields according to

considered them to be signs left

specifications derived from the excavations. The prehistoric technology has proved so productive, so hardy and ive in its modern application that it is being held out as a possible alternative for many parts of the Third World where scarce resources and harsh conditions have frustrated the advance of the

high-tech Green Revolution. Fields constructed and planted according to what has been termed "raised-field agriculture" require no chemical fertilizer or modern machinery. They cost almost noth ing, except human labor. They are farmed with variants of ancient im plements rather than expensive

tractors and plows. They have outyielded conventional, capital-intensive fields as producers of potatoes, one of the regioo's main crops. When conventional fields die in a drought or flood, these mostly survive.

It was Dr. Clark Erickson, an archaeologist at the Museum of Archaeology-Anthropology in the University of Pennsylvania, who found out how the raised fields worked in practice, how they were farmed, what made them so successful and therefore so wide-

Near the Peruvian community of Huatta on a northwestern bay of Lake Titicaca. Dr. Erickson attempted to re-create not only the fields but the way in which the ancients had cultivated them.

When that had been done and the results were in, he said, "we realized it was such a fantastic system that maybe it could be re-introduced to the region as a replace

ment for some of the capital- by families of Quechua Indians, intensive systems."

plains around Lake Titicaca.

The raised platforms, oo which the crops were planted, range from 13 to 33 feet wide, 33 to 330 feet loog, and about three feet high. Between them are canals of like size

Reconstruction of some of the fields began in 1981. Cultivacion,



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Canada Looks Forward

Mulroney's Mandate

Brian Mulroney now has the mandate he sought for free trade with the United States. More important, Canadian voters rejected the opposition's anti-American pandering and helped redefine their nation as a forward-looking, self-confident participant in

an interdependent world.

Prime Minister Mulroney's victory did not match the margin of his 1984 landslide. But, in a three-cornered race against the Liberals and the New Democrats, the 43 percent won by his Progressive Conservative Party was enough for a 22-seat edge. And the Conservatives made significant gains in the industrial power centers.

The election was forced by the refusal of the Liberal-dominated Senate to ratify the free trade agreement without a national referendum. Courageously, Mr. Mulroney called an election instead. Two earlier governments had been voted out of office on

similar free trade proposals.

For a time, after the Liberal leader, John Turner, assailed Mr. Mulroney in debate for having "sold out" to Washington, the Conservatives looked doomed. But Mr. Turner and Ed Broadbent, leading the New Democrats, pressed their anti-American case too far, raising threats about the impact of free trade that were shown to be blatant misrepresentations, Mr. Mulroney's

Setting an Example

Canada, after sharp and searching debate, decided in the end to vote for growth and economic strength. During the past four decades, the world's rich countries all of them - have grown much richer by vigorously expanding their foreign trade. For each, that has meant opening up mar-kets at home much more widely than many citizens thought safe. The foreign trade strategy is risky and sometimes frightening, as old industries crumble under competitive pressures and new ones rise. It is always more comfortable to stick with what is familiar, and to shut the disruptive foreigners ont. When Canadians voted on Monday to keep Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives in power, and to put in force the free trade agreement with the United States, they were voting to open their economy still wider to the world.

Opposition to wider trade comes from the people who doubt their country's ability to compete and who want to be shielded from the turbulence and stresses of the world economy. It is an isolationist and defeatist line of argument, and, having thought about it carefully, 43 percent of Canada's voters decided that they didn't like it. In Canada's three-party parliamen-tary politics, that gives Mr. Mulroney a comfortable majority in the House of Commons. Slightly more than half of the votes were split between the Liberal and New

clear victory makes it all but certain that the agreement, already approved by Washington, will be ratified in time to take effect on Jan. 1, as scheduled. But he, and the United States, must reckon with the fact that the bitterly divisive campaign revealed genuine nervousness about the pact among many Canadians. The Liberals doubled their strength in the House of Commons. Thus Mr. Mulroney and his countrymen need breathing space to digest the giant step they have agreed to.
If President-elect George Bush wants to

reassure Canadians that they are paired with a friend and not a monster, nothing would be more welcome in Ottawa than for him to reaffirm his campaign pledge to take action on acid rain, the outstanding sore point in U.S.-Canadian relations.

The free trade agreement is a 10-year plan for removing all existing trade restrictions between the two nations, and it commits both to raising no new barriers. Some important dispotes have yet to be resolved. and the agreement has a system to resolve them. But the overriding message is that the two North American powers are entering into open trade with each other, strengthening both to meet the increasing competitiveness of Japan and Western Europe. Their historic commitment should be an example for the world.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Democratic parties, both of which opposed the trade agreement. In Canada as in the United States, resistance to trade expansion remains a force to be reckoned with.

In the United States, the picture of Canada as a lamb about to be sheared by the wily Americans has always seemed hadicrous. The sophisticated, well financed Canadian companies rolling into American markets bear a different message. Canada is, after all, a country with a population smaller than Co-lombia's or Thailand's and thinly dispersed over an enormous subarctic expanse, v has built itself into one of the world's seven most powerful industrial democracies.

Whichever way it went, the Canadian election was clearly going to have an impact on the worldwide trading system. The Canadian and U.S. negotiators drafted this free trade agreement not only to serve their own national interests but also to provide a model for the revision now under way of the world's obsolescent and inadequate trading rules, known as GATT - the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Work on it resumes at a meeting in Montreal next month.

Had Canada voted down the trade agree ment with the United States, it would have accelerated the drift in Europe and Asia toward inward-looking trading blocs to which neither Canada nor the United States belongs. Instead, with confidence and courage, Canada has asserted a North American standard for open world trade.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Future for Savimbi

have accepted the American-mediated plan de-escalation which America is arranging in for a regional political settlement in southern Africa. The plan does not - could not -lay down an internal political settlement within civil-war-torn Angola, however, and over that gap an argument goes on in the United States. One side fears that the American plan will save Jonas Savimbi, the Angolan rebel leader, and the other side that it will destroy him.

From the moment the Reagan administration started aiding the Savitabi forces in 1985, a large number of critics thought it a mistake. The Washington Post was among them. The aid, this reasoning went, made the United States a partner of Mr. Savimbi's chief patron, the apartheid regime of South Africa. But time has proved that the resulting taint, while hardly beneficial to American policy, was not disabling, either. The developing record demonstrates that U.S. support of the Savimbi UNITA movement has contributed to the negotiation whose fruits are coming into view.

The more politically telling attack on the U.S. plan now comes from President Reagan's right. The anxious cry is that the State Department, typically subverting Mr. Reagan's true intentions, is selling out Jonas

Cuba, Angola and now South Africa Savimbi. These critics fear that the military Angola abandous Mr. Savimbi to the Soviet supported MPLA regime now in power.

But UNITA is not being disarmed. President-elect George Bush, uncontradicted indeed, reinforced - by Congress, has givon his own assurances oo this score. And Mr. Savimbi is not the victim but the beneficiary of the American plan, which calls for the prompt retirement of Cuban forces from the (southern) part of Angola most important to him. Meanwhile, various African governments are working to arrange a UNITA-MPLA reconciliation.

Not only does this goal become more urgent for the MPLA as the Cubans depart. Mr. Savimbi's national political standing can only improve as South Africa follows up its already consummated withdrawal from Angola by granting independence on the now-agreed short timetable to Namibia - developments which are worthy in their own right and which blunt much of the charge that UNITA is merely a tool of a marauding South Africa. Mr. Savimbi seems more confident than many of his American friends that the political track allows him to claim a share of power in Angola.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Communist Fifth Column

East Germany and the Soviet Union are

engaged in what Moscow has termed a "misunderstanding" over the refusal of the East German authorities to distribute an official Soviet publication. Minor in itself, the dispute is evidence of a far deeper "misunderstanding" in which not only East Germany but the majority of other Warsaw Pact states find themselves on the wrong side of the Kremlin. The changes being drafted in Moscow threaten the security of the East German Communist establishment. The regime which has hitherto been regarded as the most orthodox exponent of Marxist-Leninism suddenly finds itself being undermined by the erstwhile guardian of orthodoxy, the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Gorbachev has not yet articulated a coherent policy toward Eastern Europe. Last week this lack of guidance allowed President Ceausescu to join Herr Honecker in claiming

to be the true keepers of the Community word. This statement provides opponents of the Gorbachev reforms inside the Soviet Union with a stick to beat him with as the reforms start to go sour. So long as old-style leaders remain in power in Eastern Europe. there is a fifth column ready and waiting to assist a retreat in Moscow.

- The Times (London).

A Kinder, Gentler Party?

President-elect George Bush may want a kinder, gentler nation, but the man be has chosen to head the Republican Party. Lee
Atwater, is a master of the junkyard-dog
brand of campaigning. Mr. Bush badly
needs Democratic help in Congress if he is to have a successful presidency. He may have a hard time obtaining it if his handpicked party chairman is out in the field assassinating the character of Democrats.

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OPINION

Transition: Bush Is Already Governing

WASHINGTON — The poet in the soul of the president-elect must be muttering, "The world is too much with us." We are witnessing a remarkable extraconstitutional occurrence. George Bush's presidency has begun two months before his inauguration.

From a beach in Florida to a hall in Algiers, the world, in the form of market forces and men of force, is pestering him, and he is responding in ways that constitute governing. In Algiers, the Palestine National Council, mock parliament of the Pal-estine Liberation Organization's make-believe state, ginned up a dip-lomatic missive addressed directly to Mr. Bush. In Florida, Mr. Bush, to the relief of marine life, had to haul himself from the churning surf to calm various financial markets that

were responding to several stimuli. There was, and is, the intersection of two suspicions. One is that Mr. Bush, by believing that new taxes are unnecessary, is confirming the axiom that optimism usually is the product of intellectual error. The second sen-sible suspicion is that Mr. Bush means what he says about his adamant opposition to new taxes. Mr. Bush is not a bit like General de Gaulle who, with Gallic cynicism of a sort not taught at Andover, said By George F. Will

that politicians never believe what portents are inferred from small octhey say, so they are constantly surprised when others believe them. Another cause of commotion in

the markets illustrates the ticklish nature of the Transition nowadays. (A Transition is a grand episode, deserving a capital T, like the Refor-mation and the Renaissance.) Martin Feldstein, the economist, is correctly considered close to Mr. Bush was incorrectly suspected of speaking Mr. Bush's thoughts when he said in a speech that the dollar should decline still more. Many people holding dollar-denominated assets promptly decided they would rather hold hot coals. That decision

made matters worse for the dollar. The fact that the world is vibrating like a tuning fork to the actions and nonactions of the president-elect suggests that the Transition, or at any rate this one, is too long.
This is the first time in 132 years

that the president-elect is a fellow who has been living near the center of things as vice president. Back in Martin Van Buren's day that mattered little because government mattered much less, and news about it percolated slowly out to an inarten-tive populace. Nowadays, when large watery satisfaction of writing memo-

currences associated with the president-in-waiting, it would be well if

there were less waiting.

Because Mr. Bush is already governing, he should have real responsibility. Because he knows the government and the personnel of his party so well, and because his central campaign promise was continuity with the previous administration, he is more ready than most presidentselect are to settle in.

It says much about the quickened pace of modern life, and about government's role in the acceleration. that until Franklin Roosevelt's second term, presidents were not inau-gurated until March. Perhaps 10 weeks is about as compressed as a Transition can be.

Whoever defined an elephant as a mouse built to government specifica-tions understands the tendency toward elephantiasis in the transformation of Transitions into bureaucracies. A Transition is an apparatus for allowing some of the winner's political infantry, whose adrenatine has not yet ebbed and who are not going to be rewarded with real pow-

people who will have power. A Transition also is a process of rounding up people willing to up-root themselves and plunge into the A Shifting

Of Patterns

In the Sand

By Flora Lewis

CAIRO — Practically every factor in the Middle East conflict has

changed recently. It adds up to a sub-stantial shift in the pattern of pres-

sures and forces. Alhough there is still no breakthrough in sight, the whole

return to active diplomacy. It is a tri-

umph for Cairo, after the years of Arab

quarantine following the Camp David treaty; an argument for negotiation, not

war. The return is being pursued quietly, without extravagant fanfare. That makes it the more effective.

High Egyptian officials speak of an

emerging Arab coalition with Jordan,

Egypt and the Palestine Liberation

Organization as central players in the encless minuer, also involving Iraq and the Gulf states and to a lesser

degree most of the western Arabs. There may be some wishful thinking, but there is much to support the claim.

Even Syria, increasingly isolated and visibly the loser in its ambition to lead the Arab world, is making minor

gestures to ease antagonism with

In the big picture, the most impor-tant change is probably Soviet policy.

Moscow still wants to be a part of

any settlement and to have an interna-

tionally legitimized Middle East presence. But the Soviets now seem inter-

ested in a solution rather than in

maintaining an epicenter of crisis.

There is no reliable information on

what they are urging on the Syrians

these days. However, Egyptian au-thorities have been told that Mikhail

Gorbachev delivered a stern lecture

the last time Yasser Arafat visited

Moscow with a large PLO delegation. One of the Palestinians offered the routine rheteric about fighting the "imperialists and their lackeys, the Zi-

onists." The Soviet leader derided

such old-fashioned talk, stressing the need to address the new challenges confronting the world and to find po-

The Palestiman uprising in the oc-cupied West Bank and Gaza has had a

subtle but important impact on Arab **
as well as PLO calculations.

It was a desperate decision by young Palestinians to take their cause

in their own hands, after the Arab

states made the Iraq-Iran war their top

priority at a summit meeting.
King Hussein of Jordan then pro-

claimed last summer that his country

renounced responsibility for the terri-

tories, forcing the PLO to come to a definition of its position.

Iran and Iraq made a cease-fire in their eight-year war last July, even if

they are still a good way from peace. That, too, underlined the futility of looking to the battlefield for justifica-

tion, despite dreams of glory.

It added to Syna's loss of influence

The Gulf states can off subsidies to Syria and the Saudis reduced payments

A new confrontation between Syris

and Iraq is building up. Baghdad wants vengeance for what it considers traitor-

ous Syrian support of Iran. But Egyp-

tian authorities say they are convinced that Iraq will not slide back into its role

as super-rejectionist enemy of Israel. It has too big a job of reconstruction.

productive." That may or may not be a

new conviction, but at least the Egyptians could and did argue that a lot more is to be gained by peace than war. They cite their experience as produced in miscrable chaos. It is an example to

everybody about the wages of commu-nal strife, exacerbated by calling in out-siders, and another failure for Syria.

The Egyptians say Saddam Hussein of Iraq told them he had concluded that "all this terrorism business is counter-

litical ways out of the old quarrels.

Egypt, if not yet to warm relations.

What demands attention is Egypt's

complex has to be reassessed.

Washington real estate market for the privilege of being underpaid in the service of their country. Such service consists often of being badgered by congressional subcommittees, which means by congressional staffs composed of young people whose knowledge of the world is inversely proportional to their impatience to perfect the world.

A president-elect has approxi-mately 5,300 jobs to dispense. By inauguration day in 1981, only about one-fifth of President Reagan's people were firmly in place. That was partly because about 700 must be confirmed by the Senate. Today the lives of the 700 must be combed by congressional staffers in search of deviationism.

The hurdle that nominees must clear gets higher and higher as we become more fastidious about siz. This time scoators must ask: Did you ever smoke anything nasty in the college dormitory? Have you circu-lated samizdat copies of the writings of Robert Bork? Can't be too careful, so the world will have to wait.

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Who Replaces The Winners?

By Al Kamen

WASHINGTON — The post-election transi-VV tion is a time of great constitutional uncer-tainty. If either member of the winning ticket became unable to serve, for example, it is not at all clear who the successor would be or even how that successor would be chosen.

In this election-year cycle, three more things must happen before George Bush becomes president and Dan Quayle vice president. The Electoral College must vote, the votes must be counted before a joint session of the newly elected

Congress, and both men must be sworn in. By law, the 538 electors must meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in De-cember — the 19th this year — to select the

president and the vice president.

If a winning presidential candidate were to die before Dec. 19, the electors, meeting in their state capitals and governed by state law, would be free to select anyone they wanted for the White House, according to Waiter Dellinger, a Duke University law professor. Some states, like North Carolina, have laws making it a criminal offense to vote for someone other than the person who won in the state. Others do not.

The electors, who are party functionaries, would be expected to follow the recommendations of their parties' national committees on what to do, but their nominee for a successor would not have to be the vice presidential candidate, Mr. Dellinger said, since state laws do not force them to vote for the number two person on a ticket.

If a vice presidential candidate were to die before such a vote, the top of the ticket presumably would be given informal power to nominate a replacement. But there is no formal authority. "We are really in a sort of black hole," Mr. Dellinger said, "in which there is no custom or law and no precedent or practice."

If a president-elect dies after the Electoral College vote but before Congress ratifies the tally, then the presidential candidate of the



losing party might become president, said Mr.

Dellinger, a Democratic adviser. The 12th Amendment to the Constitution specifies that when Congress counts the votes, "the person having the greatest number of votes for president shall be president," if that person has a majority of the 538 votes. If not, the House of Representatives "shall choose immediately, by ballot, the president," with each state delegation having one vote. Under the amendment, Mr. Dellinger said, the House would be forced to vote for the opposite party's candidate - this year, Michael Dukakis - assuming he was the only other vote getter at the Electoral College. If one elector had voted for a third person, the choice would be between the surviving presidential can-

didate to the general election and that person. Mr. Dellinger said it could be argued that the winner of the general election becomes president-elect when the electors vote, but he said he thought the candidate would not officially become president-elect until after Congress certified the electoral vote.

If the candidate's running mate died, the in-coming president likely would be given informal power to select a successor, but he "can only recommend," Mr. Dellinger said. A Republican adviser, Bruce Fein, said that he, too, thought that the general election winner

would not be president-elect until Congress certified the electors' vote. Under the 20th Amendment, after certification the running mate would succeed his party's standard bearer.

In the event of a presidential candidate's death, Mr. Fein said that there might "be room for Congress to nudge" the House speaker into the presidency and then call a "speedy election."
"Maybe Congress could by law stipulate a
steward," such as the outgoing president, "to act
until there was a new election," Mr. Fein said. He said there have been efforts to set down

rules to quiet times, when no election was pend ing, but "every time that has been attempted, nothing ever happened."

"It is an utter mess," he added. The Washington Post.

A Principled KGB Defector Has Changed History

WASHINGTON — Spies should count for less in this era of satellite photography and electronic task and consider the story of Oleg Gordievsky, a KGB defector who has changed history not by stealing secrets for his Western controllers but by

sharing insights with them. He shows that the human factor still is decisive in the black art of espionage Mr. Gordievsky was the KGB's sta-tion chief in London until he defected in 1985. Since then, his secret briefings and writings on the psychology and politics of the Kremlin have strongly influenced Margaret Thatcher, Ron-ald Reagan and other Western leaders. When I asked Mrs. Thatcher in Washington last week if this was the case. she paused, smiled enigmatically and replied: "You know you ought not ask

that question. I cannot answer it. But it has been very interesting." American officials say that, in con-versations with Mr. Reagan, Mrs. Thatcher has offered effusive praise for Mr. Gordievsky, who defected to Britain in 1985. And a book just published in London asserts confidently that the president's shift away from "Evil Empire" sloganeering toward cooperating with Moscow was directly influenced by Mr. Gordievaky's analysis of the Kremlin and of Soviet psy-

WASHINGTON—In what is be-coming a familiar pattern, an announcement from the Kremlin has

confounded some received wisdom in

challenged by glasnost's revelations.

Piece by piece, these revelations seem

to be confirming an alternative but still controversial view of a Soviet

economy that is smaller, more milita-

rized and more seriously troubled than

most Western experts imagined. This could explain Mikhail Gorba-

chev's dramatic reform proposals as a

purely tactical response to desperate

circumstances. It also would suggest

the West about the Soviet economy.

and has been for years.

By Jim Hoagland

"Gordievsky was one of several people whose thinking was important in giving the president a sense that the Soviets are fearful as well as aggressive, and that both aspects of the Sovi-et personality should be taken into account," a U.S. official recalls.

The book about Mr. Gordievsky and other Soviet defectors. The Storm Birds," by Gordon Brook-Shepherd, should be required reading for officials dealing with East-West relations at any level. It treats in detail Mr. Gordievsky's account (originally disclosed in a 1986 Washington Post story by Murrey Marder) of how the Kremlin leaders con-vinced themselves in the tense autumn of 1983 that Mr. Reagan was preparing to launch a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union.

According to Mr. Gordievsky, the Kremlin on the weekend of Nov. 8-9, 1983, misread Western military ma-neuvers in Europe and sounded a worldwide alert to the KGB to gather information on an imminent nuclear attack. Under procedures then in effect, the Kremlin believed that a Western decision for a nuclear first Soviet Union by the British.

-an assertion partially confirmed by wasnington sources.

strike would be taken seven to ten days before it was issumence. Mr. Brook-Shepherd suggests that

the Soviet defector's descriptions of this dramatic incident and his warnings that the leadership "was all too inclined to believe its own propaganda about 'aggressive imperialist circles'" and to go to the brink of war over a misperceptioo caused important changes in Western military maneuver

tactics and ouclear alert procedures. Moreover, a 50-page political and pyschological analysis by Mr. Gor-dievsky entitled "Soviet Perceptions of Nuclear Warfare" is said by the British author to have been read and absorbed by Mr. Reagan during the criti-cal time when Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to power and puting the Sovi-et Union on a new path.

As station chief, Mr. Gordievsky played a key role in Mr. Gorbachev's

weeklong visit to London in December 1984. There seems to have been no suspicion in Moscow then that the KGB man was distillusioned with the

Soviet system and had become a dou-ble agent for the British a decade earli-er. He did fall under suspicion a year later, and had to be extracted from the

Last year, in a now famous article

two Soviet economists suggested that per capita output was slightly lower in the mid-1980s than a decade be-

fore. Since then, senior officials have painted an even bleaker figure.

get: Almost a decade ago, Igor Birman, an emigré economist, wrote that the Soviet Union was running large and continuous budget deficits but masking them in the official figures.

That contention was officially con-

firmed last week. But there was more

to his argument. He held that imports

and losns from the West played a far

more important role in the economy

than most observers seemed to under-

stand. Moreover, he argued, the Soviet

financial system pennits Moscow to plug a huge hole in its budget with hard currency transactions — mean-

ing, in effect, that trade with the West

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Enterprise Institute. He contributed

this comment to The New York Times.

directly empowers the Soviet state.

Foreign trade and the national bud-

of a man with great integrity whose contribution to stabilizing East-West relations in a particularly dangerous period may be mestimable.

period may be measurante.

The most interesting aspect of his defection for me is the stark contrast that he offers to the collection of druggies, money-grubbing sharks, drunks and others who have gone the other way in recent years, selling American secrets to the Soviets. secrets to the Soviets.

Edward L. Howard, Ronald Pelton and others peddled to the Soviets has already gone stale, or will do so quickly. However significant the immediate damage to spy networks or buttle plans, those spies have done nothing to shake the American system. The damage has in that sense been glamo-ing. But the defection of an intelligent and principled man like Mr. Gordievsky, primarily on ideological grounds, is yet another telling measure of the total failure of the Soviet system, just as much as Mr. Gorbachev's candid admissions about the stagnation and corruption of the Soviet establishment. It is a system that can buy and lure the worst people that American society produces, but not keep the best from its own ranks. The Washington Post.

The profile of Mr. Gordievsky that emerges from Mr. Brook-Shepherd's account, and from my discussions win Western officials who have debriefed the former Soviet agent, is one

All these pressures brought Mr. Arafat to a carefully calculated move, after long consultations with practically everybody and a crucial meeting with King Hussein, arranged by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. A key innovation at the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council was that decisions were taken The information that the Walkers,

by majority rule, ending Mr. Arafar's refuge behind a need for consensus as a pretext for standing still. Extremist veto power was removed. No official translation of the PLO's resolution proclaiming a Palestinian national state, implicitly recognizing

Israel and renouncing terrorism has been distributed. That text is important because it will show just how precise are the commitments and whether language fudging games have been used again. But the resolution does suggest a basis for direct negotia-tion if Israel can emerge from political

paralysis and agree to try.

Don't hold your breath and don't expect sudden drama. But, with so much motion, there may be a little movement coming.

The New York Times.

Soviet Economy: Worse Shape Than Supposed

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Crisis in Bucharest VIENNA - Roumania is once more

in the midst of a political crisis. Mr. Lascar Catargi, who was yesterday elected President of the Lower House, was formerly chief of a conservative cabinet and is personally on very cold terms with the king. Unless there should be a new split, General Mano will become Minister for War and Mr. Labovary, Minister of Com-merce. The former has always op-posed the raising of the Roumanian fortifications now in course of construction and the latter has declared that no Roumanian soldier will ever fire upon a Russian.

1913: Wilson Satisfied

WASHINGTON - A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "I learned today [Nov. 23] from a Cabinet officer that President Wilson is satisfied with the progress of his waiting policy in Mexico. This offi-

Mexico of the last few days leave the President with absolute faith in his policy, and be believes it will obtain in a reasonably short time the elimination of Senor Huerta."

1938: A Cultural Axis

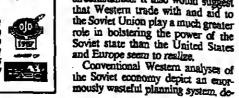
ROME - A vast scheme for coordinating Fascist and Nazi intellectual and artistic activities in what is called a "cultural Rome-Berlin axis" was adopted with the signature of an Italo-German cultural agreement, Its declared aim is to "create the necessary basis for a real mutual understanding between the two peoples." The instruments to this end will be the schools and universities in both countries, literature, music, the the-atre, motion pictures and radio, under the coordinating influence of a standing committee for application of the accord. On the academic side, institutes and chairs for the study of the language, art and history of the two countries are to be founded and cial said that the developments in professors and students exchanged

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By Nicholas Eberstadt mentators now say, did not make adequate adjustments for inflation. clining rates of growth and living stan-dards decades behind the West's. The

Western specialists have long main-tained that the Soviet Union balances alternative view holds that even these unfavorable assessments are too optiits budgets in peacetime. But Moscow's finance minister reported recently that the national budget is deeply in deficit mistic. For years, proponents of this alternative view, many of them Soviet migrés, have been pointely ignored. Since Mr. Gorbachev's rise to power, One by one, Western premises about the Soviet economy are being things have changed. Their story, by and large, seems to be checking out.

Economic might: CIA estimates

suggest that Soviet national output is a little more than half as large as America's, with per capita output a little less than half the American level. Last year, however, an economist at the Soviet State Planning Committee (Gosplan) published a Western-style reckoning of GNP in rubles. Even at the ruble's artificially high official exchange rate, these numbers would make the Soviet economy barely a third the size of America's and sur Soviet per capita output at just over a quarter the American level.

Growth rates: The CIA estimates

Conventional Western analyses of that the economy has grown by 2 percent a year since the mid-1970s. But earlier calculations, Soviet com-

Kennedy: A Debt of Honor To Blacks Was Repaid

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

vivid for particular reasons. A few of us bus at Little Rock — had invoked its were standing outside the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina, where we had been plotting to help our incr. As we stood there talking, someone mood of the time, and his style of decirushed by pale and breathless. "Kennedy has been shot," he said tersely.

When the worst was confirmed, Bill Cocke — Thomas Wolfe's boyhood friend from Asheville, who appears as Johnny Park in "Of Time and the River" - burst into tears. "There goes the hope of the world!" he said.

Bill Cocke's despairing cry remains vividly etched on my memory. It was not the end of hope. But it was the end of something — a certain national inno-cence. There was a placidity about the pre-1963 years that did not survive Victnam and its terrible angers, or the riots, or the other assassinations, or the deceits of

Watergate —all the disappointments and distractions of a troubled quarter century.

Just what Lee Harvey Oswald's mad act did to end that era of innocence, it is historically meaningless to ask. Counterfactual history is uninteresting —and, for that matter, national innocence is for most purposes a dangerous trait. John Kennedy, who had known war and close brushes with death, was no innocent, and was refreshingly free of the pretense that he was. He was a warm, witty, very hu-man president, who by trial and error was learning wisdom as well.

We were standing as it happened, a short block from the place where a handful of black college students had begun the first dime store sit-ins three years earlier. And there was a symmetry in that. Mr. Kennedy can claim one indisputable distinction, now too easily overlooked or minimized. He was the first president to thrust the moral authority of his office behind the push for racial equality. Others — Harry Truman when he desegregated the armed forces

He Had His Chance

J OHN Kennedy kept the Cold War going and exaggerated the Commu-nist threat to the Third World. He failed to appreciate the local sources that would and did deter Communist inroads. The Kennedy team also pre-sumed that Americans had answers for others' deep-seated problems. Despite the rhetoric of bold, oew thinking. Mr. Kennedy never reassessed basic U.S. foreign policy assumptions. Arrogance, ignorance and impatience joined exaggerations of the Communist threat to deny President Kennedy his objectives.
"He never had the chance," Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. has written. Actually, he had the chance, and he failed.

- Thomas G. Paterson, commenting in The Hartford Courant.

ASHINGTON — The day Presi-dent Kennedy was shot remains when he belatedly overrode Orval Faulegal authority. Mr. Kennedy did more. It was not so much, I believe, because he planned it that way. We forget how sion making and action, were recaptured for me recently by the PBS showing of a film made at the time about the integration of the University of Alabama.

That was in June 1963, a few months before his death. George Wallace in his inaugural speech as governor had drawn his famous "line in the dust" and vowed to block the schoolhouse door. The courts had said he must yield. But court orders are not self-executing, and it fell

to Mr. Kennedy to vindicate the law.
It was a year after the uproar over
James Meredith's enrollment at Ole Miss, and Mr. Kennedy was eager to avoid a replay of the violence. Io the film footage you detect a wariness in the president's eyes as he struggles to define and perform a constitutional duty which politician in him would have prethe ferred to avoid. But the point is, he did it.

And stylishly. Having mobilized the Alabama National Guard to turn Mr. Wallace aside, Mr. Kennedy gave one of the best speeches ever heard from the ise. It struck just the right notes of conciliation, principle and historical perspective. It was, he said, essentially a matter of conscience, and he was right.

His aide Ted Sorensen may have written the words, but Mr. Kennedy spoke them, articulating a moral imperative now grown a bit stale with familiarity and acceptance. It was not so then.

The act, lest we forget, was that of a very practical Irish-American politician, the last Democratic presidential nominee from outside the South to carry a significant number of Southern states, Kennedy the politician may have wondered that day if he was putting his reelection at risk, and it was not inappropriate to think of such things. No president has ever served the nation well in the long run by ignoring the sources of his political capital, although he must

know when to place it at risk.

Anyway, it is memories of this sort that have made Nov. 22 more than an

exercise in tawdry nostalgia.

In a famous, some thought decisive maneuver in the 1960 campaign, Mr. Kennedy telephoned Atlanta to inquire about the jailing of Martin Luther King Jr. Some called it a cyaical bid for black votes in a close election; maybe it was. But Mr. Kennedy came to see that this casual gesture had incurred an implicit debt of honor, involving his presidency in a drama larger than politics. He re-deemed that pledge. And the way he did it left the nation different and better. It makes the waste of that earlier Nov. 22 a little easier to take 25 years later.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It was not the responsibility of Gover-

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from the important questions of the day and encourage the candidates to discuss the real problems. By acting as stenogra-

phers for the Bush campaign, the American media were big players in a cynical

Korean Resentment Is Real

Regarding "The Other South Korea" (Sports, Nov. 21) by George Vecsey:

South Korean-American relations have

in fact degenerated. South Korean pro-

Supply and Demand

'carved ivory pins."

MICHAEL BRETT.

An Accusation: The American Media Didn't Do Their Job

So George Bush will be the oext president of the United States. I lay the

lame for that on the media. The Bush staff time and again showed itself capable of manipulating the media. How else could the impression of Michael Dukakis have been transformed from that of a pragmatic moderate to that of a card carrying liberal who defends child pornography. furloughs rapists and burns flags?

And how did the theme of the second

presidential debate become likability. when everybody agreed that Governor Dukakis was not a man given to sponta-oeous expression of emotion? Could this change of "issue" have anything to do with the fact that polls after the first debate showed Governor Dukakis scoring considerably higher than George Bush on his command of the facts, his directness when answering questions, his debating ability and his presence of mind — while Mr. Bush scored higher

oo likability and "presidentialness"?

It could easily be argued that many of the media perceptions flourished be-cause the Dukakis campaign was too cautious in its treatment of Mr. Bush. But Mr. Dukakis won the Democratic comination by being cautious and fair to his opponents, so this hardly lets the media off the hook.

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tests do exist. Many young South Kore-ans resent Americans, and they show it on the streets of Seoul with a regularity not evidenced 10 years ago. nor Dukakis to respond to every spurious attack that the Bush staff chose to make. The role of the media is to sepa-

Mr. Vecsey says that "to a print jour-nalist, it is more than a little scary to see how one visual impression can blot out all the information available in print." Turning that around, to a reader of print journalism, it is more than a little scary to see how one visual impression, based on Mr. Vecsey's three-week trip, can blot out the documented facts of the situation in South Korea.

MACK A. McGUIRE.

Drink Their Way Sober?

I found it sadly ironic to read about Regarding the report "U.S. Experts Dubious on Soviet Deficit" (Oct. 31): the poaching of 150 elephants per week for their tusks ("In Kenya, a Poaching Frenzy," Nov. 4), while oo the facing page was a glowing fashion report of a Ralph Lauren collection featuring I have oever heard anything so ridicu-lous as the proposal for the Soviets to drink themselves out of their deficit. "It will be difficult for the Soviets to reduce the deficit ... bot they can do so if they KAREN BIGGS. increase the sale of alcohol," an Ameri-

can expert says. The growing budget deficit is blamed on Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign against alcohol abuse. The decline in liquor-tax receipts has been a major factor contributing to the increase in the deficit."

I have been doing business in South The Soviets should be applauded for Korea for the past decade, and I have such an accomplishment. Surely their somany good friends there. The world has cial aid programs have saved money befinally recognized South Koreans for cause of a decrease in problems related to the tremendous industrialists and good alcohol abuse. It should take only a small businessmen they are.

I appreciate Mr. Vecsey's reflections, garnered from his trip to the Seoul Olympics, but I can assure him that percentage reduction in arms spending to cover the cost of the tax revenues lost through reduced alcohol sales.

GREGORY J. ROSE. Villefranche-sur-Mer, France.

Hong Kong: The Old Days Aren't What They Could Be

By Patrick L. Smith

Hong Kong, belonged, I believe, to a Captain Chan. In accented but entirely dignified English, he spoke of altitude, weather, the pleasant journey ahead.

A few minutes later the first officer

MEANWHILE

came on, "speaking for your captain" in the scrubbed tones of an evening news reader just about anywhere in the Com-render just about anywhere in the Com-monwealth. Now that, I thought, is a near piece of corporate choreography. It was only a year ago, after all, that Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's unofficial

flag carrier, began to train Cantonese pilots. Here it was offering thoughtful reassurance for the skittish without condoning the need for it.

Such delicate moments are increasingly common as Britain prepares to leave this "boil on China's bum," as the colony is affectionately known. And many of them are managed just as this one was — with grace and aplomb and

without the least embarrassment. But as Hong Kong lurches toward its most delicate moment of all — the tran-sition to Chinese rule in nine years' time - the colonial authorities are bringing little grace to things and, under the cir-

cumstances, not as much embarrass-ment as there should be. One would have thought that the Brit-ish would be pretty good at this kind of thing, having planted red mailboxes throughout much of Southeast Asia for roughly half of the last century and half of this one. But what strikes a Hong Kong familiar after several months' ab-sence are the small tangibles — the com-morplace suggestions of an incipient lapse in the way the place is managed.

Signs of the times, you might say.

Maybe a labor shortage and the exodus of trained professionals — 45,000 this year, 50,000 next, a recent survey concluded — is making it harder to keep the place in good nick, as they say. Lugard Road, the old rickshaw path ringing Victoria Peak, was like an aban-doned garden as I took a ritualistic run past my old house recently.

At Hong Kong's largest bank (not to mentioo names), completing a relatively simple transaction required two clerks and 35 minotes.

Yes, the economy is full tilt, to such an extent that even the Vietnamese refngees oow get to go to work. But you reach a point at which it is necessary to ask whether people and institutions are simply ceasing to care—or starting

to care less, anyway.

Middle Bay, once this correspondent's favorite beach, is now the island's most polluted, since there is nothing between it and a slew of new

HONG KONG — The voice from the cockpit on Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific's daily run from Tokyo to the cockpit of Flight CX 504, Cathay Pacific of Fligh American and also large, an account was unilaterally closed when it was discovered that my address had changed. Many a bounced check is oo doubt being left behind.

is the colony beginning to resemble "Amnesia," that mythical Asian nation that a Hong Kong hack invented years ago, where Prime Minister Lendusa Quid reigns? This is overstating the case, residents will exclaim. And I admit to sounding like some colonial Blimp a quarter of a century ago, always on about "stan-dards" and the coming lack thereof. But this onetime local would argue

that locals simply do not yet notice what will be apparent in a few years' time.

There was only one thing more striking than the four cockroaches strolling, of a

recent evening, across the bar at the For-eign Correspondents' Club — the first I have ever seen there. It was the insonciance with which a nightly patron placed an ashtray over the one closest to us. She didn't miss a syllable.

It is more than just the maintenance of americies. True, that the British are

walking out on Hong Kong is, for many of its 5.6 million residents, not even worth disputing anymore. But do things -and local morale along with them have to sink at this speed?

"No one has much good to say about Hong Kong anymore," said Frank Fishbeck, a longtime local photographer, while chatting in a Hollywood Road antique shop. "It's all rudeness these days, and selfishness and complaints."

It would be a delicate and in some senses sad time under any circumstances, perhaps. But why, you wind up asking, are the authorities so careless? Once sensed, and now more readily apparent, the colonial service's willing-

apparent, the cotomal service's willing-ness to do Beijing's bidding is all but official. Passing through from a Philip-pines holiday, Sandy Burton, Time maga-zine's Beijing correspondent, watched in stumed silence the other day as Hong Kong customs confiscated her bag of kalamansi, a lime-like fruit that makes a rather special daiquiri. Not because there is a Hong Kong law against bringing in fruit, but because there is one in China. Even though it is pretty well estab-lished that the Chinese will have their way, there are responsibilities to be met.

The bushes oo Lugard Road should still be trimmed, and the roach population kept down. The banks should behave themselves and Sandy Burton should keep her kalamansi at least as far as Beijing customs. The histories cannot yet be written, but these will soon enough be considered "the old days" here. There is still time to make sure they are well remembered, especially among those who choose to stay on and many more who must.

International Herald Tribune.



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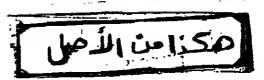
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NEW YORK - Stock prices closed broadly

higher Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange in quiet pre-Thanksgiving trading, as signs of improved market sentiment carried over from the previous session.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose

11.73 points Tuesday, advanced 14.58 to close at 2.092.28.

Advances outpaced declines by a 9-5 margin. Volume on the Big Board totaled about 112 million shares, compared with 127 million on

New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.86 to 151.41. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.79 to close at 269.00. The price of an average share gained 18 cents.

The market opened higher and continued to build on its gains as trading gradually slowed to a crawl ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, A.C. Moore, director of research at Argus Research Corp., said the market was showing a "reflexive rally" in the wake of being in a technically oversold condition. He predicted prices would gain strength into December as improved sentiment led investors to purchase blue chips and other selected issues at "reason-able" prices.

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Before the market opened, the government reported that new factory orders for durable goods rose 2.4 percent in October. The report follows a series of indicators this month that show the economy surging ahead with lower unemployment, higher retail sales, strong indicators and a subcurad in the bouring dustrial output and a rebound in the housing

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government reports," said Ron Doran, head of institutional trading at First Albany Corp. "But I don't think the latest one will be much of an

"The big factors are the dollar and interest rates," Mr. Doran said. "The market is hostage to short-term rates. If interest rates appear to be going up, the market will not do well."

Mr. Doran said market participants also were focusing on the Vienna meeting of the Organi-

focusing on the Vienna meeting of the Organi-zation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, hop-ing it would decide on an oil production ceiling and resolve a dispute between Iran and Iraq on

In NYSE trading Wednesday, Northeast Utilities was the most active issue, up % to 201/2. The stock goes ex-dividend on Friday.

AT&T Co. followed, up % to 29%. Texas

Utilities was third, up % to 28%.

Among other active blue chips, General Electric was up % to 44%, Sears was up % to 40 and

General Motors was up % to 82%.

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In the oil sector, Exxon was off % to 42 and Chevron was off % to 44%.

Among takeover stocks, RJR Nabisco was up 1% to 86%. A group led by First Boston Corp. asked three other dealmakers to join in their takeover proposal for RJR Nabisco, which is valued at up to \$26.8 billion.

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U.K. Firms Begin to Cope With Problem Drinking

By SHERRY BUCHANAN

ONDON — British companies are beginning to recognize that their managers' alcohol-related problems are company problems as well. This realization stems in part from changing attitudes in British society toward drinking. The British government, for instance, is promoting a National Deviation Day and the 200 al Drinkwise Day next June 20

In part, the realization stems from a growing awareness that alcohol-related problems cost companies in absenteeism, alcohol-related illnesses and diminished performance at work. "British companies are beginning to treat alcohol-related prob-

lems as a health problem rather than a disciplinary problem, said Ray Hatter, coordinator of the Greater London Alcohol Advisory Service, or GLAAS. He estimated that two-thirds

of firms in the City of London do not have an alcohol policy On Dec. 6, GLAAS, funded by both taxes and charity contributions, will launch City Drinksense to advise companies on alcohol problems. GLAAS also will set up Drinkwatchers, self-belp

There is a growing awareness of the economic costs of alcohol-related problems.

groups for people who don't have drinking problems but who want to cut down on alcohol consumption.

The Department of Health Economics at York University estimates that absenteeism due to alcohol costs the British economy £641 million (\$1.175 billion) a year.

British companies, although more aware than they used to be, are still doing relatively little about the problem, either because they don't want to interfere in their managers' personal lives or because they have no direct cost incentives to do so. In contrast, many U.S. companies have seen their health insurance premiums decrease after introducing programs to help problem drinkers.

Cary Cooper, professor of organizational psychology at the University of Manchester's Institute of Technology, says, "There

is a lot more pressure, a lot more cutbacks in staff, a lot more work on people's backs, so people are drinking more. But the individual company doesn't think it has to pay for it, the society, in the form of the National Health Service, has to pay." Mr. Cooper set up an in-house stress counseling program for the British Post Office two years ago.

HERE ARE A FEW organizations, including British Tele-com, London Regional Transport and the British Post Office, as well as British subsidiaries of such U.S. companies as Control Data Corp., Dupont Co. and General Electric Co., that have introduced alcohol-related programs for their managers and employees.

"The British culture is still grossly ambivalent toward drink," said Richard Quail, alcohol education manager at London Regional Transport, who introduced a program to help employee

with drinking problems four years ago.

Although corporate policies to belp problem drinkers differ widely, in most, the company organizes a counseling and referral service for treatment, gives the problem drinker time off for prolonged therapy or disintoxication and, in some cases, will help

defray the cost.

The main difficulty is convincing managers and employees that the nature of the problem will remain confidential and will not be held against them in their performance or promotion reviews.

Confidentiality becomes increasingly difficult when the treatment requires prolonged absence from work. One senior executive, who decided to tell his boss and colleagues before he checked himself into a clinic for four weeks of disintoxication, said: "It's your option whether you want it to be confidential or not. But if you don't tell anybody and take a prolonged medical leave, you have people guessing you're in a loony bin having a nervous

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BUSINESS/FINANCE

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — Britain put a value of £2.5 billion (\$4.58 billion) on its profit making steel industry Wednesday, announcing details of the largest industrial privatization by the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret

Shares of British Steel will be offered at £1.25 each in two stages, with 60 pence due by Dec. 2 and a second installment of

65 pence due by Sept. 26, 1989. Some analysts said the price could realistically have been about 10 pence highcr. But they said the government hoped the "safe" price would help rekindle the public's enthusiasm for privatization is-sues before water and electricity utility sales, which were outlined Tuesday at the official opening of Parliament.
The sale of British Petroleum PLC, the oil giant, coincided with the stock market collapse in October 1987 and was widely regarded as a flop compared with previous successful operations.

The British Steel issue has been priced at 4.9 times projected earnings per share on a gross dividend yield of 8 percent. British Steel has moved from heavy losses, which cost British taxpayers substantial sums in the late 1970s, to a profit of £410 million for the 1987-88 fiscal year

that ended April 1. Now one of the world's most productive and profitable steel producers, the company last month forecast a pretax profit for the current fiscal year of £550

The flotation of British Steel is being done as Mrs. Thatcher faces criticism of plans to sell off electricity and water boards in England and Wales as part of her privatization drive. Since she came to power in 1979, the government has sold more than one-third of Britain's national industries.

The opposition Labor Party attacked the value placed on British Steel Its trade and industry spokesman, Bryan Gould, said a statement: To put the govern-ment's privatization show back on the road, British Steel is being sold at well below its real value, with a nod and a wink that a quick buck is to be made." Other state selloffs have included the telecommunications and natural gas util-

The government hopes 500,000 private investors will participate in the British Steel privatization. There will be a minimum investment of 400 shares, making the minimum first installment £240.

ities and the flag carrier, British Airways

Initially, 23 percent of the 2 billion shares being sold will go to the British public, British Steel employees and pensioners, increasing to 42 percent if the flotation is oversubscribed.

An initial 33 percent stake is being allocated to overseas investors and 44 percent to British financial institutions. There has been an excellent response to the share-offer roadshows in the U.K. and around the world," said Paul Richards, a director at Samuel Montagu & Co., adviser to the government on the

sale," he added Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young said the offer gave investors a chance to invest in "a great British company" and one of the leading industrial

sale. "The offer has been fully underwrit-

ten and we are confident of a successful

British Steel Priced at 'Safe' £2.5 Billion for Privatization The chairman of British Steel, Sir Robert Scholey, said the company is "confident and completely determined that we shall not waste the sacrificial efforts made in the recent past."

The steelmaker slashed its workforce by 150,000, to 52,000, over the last 10 years as part of cost-cutting measures. Further cuts have not been ruled out.

Although it has been transformed into a profitable enterprise, the company faces stiff competition from newly industrialized nations and is subject to European Community restrictions aimed at reducing overcapacity in a dwindling

The British government has said Brit-ish Steel would get special protection from (oreign takeover bids for five years after privatization. (Reuters, AP, AFP)

Rodamco **Bids for** U.K. Firm

Hammerson Gets £1.3 Billion Offer

By Ronald van de Krol Special to the Heruld Tribune

AMSTERDAM — Rodameo

the biggest listed property company in the Netherlands, on Wednesday launched a bostile £1,3 billion (\$2.38 billion) cash offer for Hammerson Property, marking the largest-ever attempted takeover of a British property company.

Hammersoo, the third-largest property group in Britain, swiftly rejected the bid, describing it as

"unwelcome, derisory and wholly unacceptable." It urged its share-

unacceptable." It urged its share-bolders to take no action.

Rodamco, part of the Rotter-dam-based Robeco investment group, is offering 818 pence for every Hammerson ordinary share and 780 pence for each of its 'A' shares. It said its formal offer document, to be published later, would also include details of a loan note

in reaction to the news, Hammerson's shares soared to well above the bid levels on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, in-dicating that Rodamoo will proba-bly be forced to sweeten its offer, analysts said.

Hammerson's ordinary shares closed at 895 pence, up sharply from 739 pence on Tuesday, while its 'A' shares climbed to 854 pence from 675 pence. Rodamco's shares ended the day up only 0.10 guilders at 153.40 guilders (\$78.70). The bid, the largest ever

launched by Rodameo and its third international acquisition attempt in as many years, comes only two Dutch property company, Wereld-have NV, succeeded in taking over Peachey Property Corp. of Britain after a bostile battle.

In a statement, Cornelis van Rijn, chairman of Rodamco, said:

"In recent years, Hammerson's performance has fallen short of its full potential. Our offer provides Hammerson shareholders with an See PROPERTY, Page 13

Northrop: Plainly, Growth by Stealth **B-2 Bomber Project Brings Expansion and Problems**

A Mixed Picture for Northrop

By Richard Stevenson

New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — The new B-2 Stealth bomber might be difficult for enemy radar to detect, but its effect oo Northrop Corp.

has been impossible to miss. Largely because of Northrop's role as prime contractor on the B-2 program, the company's revenue has nearly quadrupled in \$6 billion since 1980.

Northrop has invested \$2 billion to build some of the most

extensive and modern aircraft design and production plants in the world. Employment has jumped from 30,000 to 47,000. "Our whole corporate capability has been lifted to a new level," said Thomas V, Jones, the

chairman of Northrop. The U.S. Air Force wants to build 132 of the B-2s; the first one has just come off the production line and was displayed publicly for the first time Tuesday. But rapid growth at Northrop has not come without problems.

The company is still dogged by questions about its management of the program and by accusa-tions in a civil lawsuit that it overcharged the government. Northrop denies this. The project also holds the possibility of a rich reward. Once the smallest of the major military contractors, best koown for

building relatively unsophisticat-ed fighter planes. Northrop has established itself as the leader in the increasingly important field of radar-evading technology and is poised to join the ranks of the largest weapons makers.

The company woo the Stealth bomber contract in a secret competition against Lockheed Corp.

ing the Carter administration.
If congressional budget decisions go the way Northrop and the Air Force hope, the B-2 program at its peak in the mid-1990s could generate nearly \$10 billion a year in revenue for Northrop. The program, at an estimated total cost of \$68 billion, would be

the most expensive weapons sys-Northrop is also aggressively using its new technical expertise and plants for other projects. if a team led by Northrop



giants like McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General Dynamics Corp. as the premier builder of military aircraft in the United

The Stealth bomber will be one of two radar-evading aircraft in the U.S. arsenal. The Air Force recently confirmed that Lockheed has built a Stealth fighter, the F-117A.

However, Northrop's payoff from its immense B-2 effort is by no means assured. With pressure growing on Congress and Presi-

should win the current competi-tion to build the Air Force's next generation of lighter planes, the company could replace industry defect defect. The amount allocated for major weapons programs could be cut.

The B-2 has always had critics in the scientific community; they question whether the plane can elude Soviet defenses and whether it is worth the cost.

"You are not going to embark on a \$60 billion program without some debate about it," said Josepb F. Campbell, an analyst at Paine Webber. "Part of the symbolism of the rollout is that the debate will now begin."

Northrop must also prove that

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Lawson Warns Employers on Wage Increases

LONDON - Voicing concern about rising inflationary pressure. Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson inld British employers on Wednesday they had to curb pay rises if they wanted to see lower domestic interest rates.

"I am not prepared to accommodate inflationary pressures generated by high pay increases," he told the employers' organization, the Confederation of British Industry.

"Inflationary pressures arising from pay awards have to be neutralized in the only possible way, through higher interest rates," he said. "So the most effective way to lower interest rates is lower pay

Latest official figures show average earnings have risen in Britain by 9.25 percent in the past year, running ahead of the 6.4 percent annual increase in the inflation

Mr. Lawson's comments came on a day when the government re-ported that the British economy continues to boom. The govern-ment said that real gross domestic product, measured by the output of goods and services, rose 1.4 percent in the third quarter from the previous three months, and was up 5 percent from the same period a

year ago. The Central Statistics Office said its output-based index of GDP rose to a seasonally adjusted 114.3 in the third quarter, from 112.8 in the second quarter and 108.9 in the third quarter of 1987. The index uses a 1985 base of 100.

Third-quarter growth was particularly high in the distribution sector, up 2.5 percent, compared with 1.49 percent for the entire services

percent over the second quarter, despite a 4.5 percent drop in energy output because of the Piper Alpha disaster in the North Sea in July. Analysis noted that the annual growth rate of 5 percent is appre-ciably higher than the chancellor's own predictions. In March, he fore-

Factory Orders In U.S. Show Strong Gain

WASHINGTON - Big gains in transportation and defense equipment pushed or-ders for U.S. durable goods up 2.4 percent in October, the Commerce Department said

Wednesday.
New orders for the big-tick-et goods totaled \$122.1 billion in October, up 2.4 percent.

Transportation equipment orders continued to seesaw, as they have for most of this year, rising 8.9 percent in October after a 9.1 percent fall in Sep-

Orders for defense goods soared 41.1 percent in October, the biggest jump since a 68.3 percent increase in June. Taking out the defense-goods bulge, "the report cer-tainly isn't overly strong," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist for the WEFA Group in Bala Cynwyd, Penn-

cast that the economy would grow by just 3 percent in 1988. In his budget statement earlier this month, he revised the forecast to 4.5 percent.

Mr. Lawson said his policy of raising interest rates in order to slow economic growth and choke off inflation, was starting to show signs of success.

We have already seen the first signs of a slowdown in economic activity, but the trend is not yet clear," he said.

Mr. Lawson raised interest rates in stages from 7.5 percent in June in 12 percent currently. The last increase took place in late August.

(AP, AFP, Reuters)

Générale to Make Capital Injection

Two Belgian Subsidiaries to Receive 12.4 Billion Francs

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches BRUSSELS - Societé Générale de Belgique, at the center of a con-troversial takeover battle this year. on Wednesday carried out its first moves to restructure the troubled subsidiaries that have dragged

down the group's profitability. Societé Générale said it would inject 5.1 billion francs (\$140 miltion) into Fabrique Nationale Herstal SA, an armaments subsidiary in order to wine out three years of losses and expand the company's

One billion francs will be raised through new shares offered to minority shareholders of the armaments maker, and part of the remainder would come from bank loans and government aid, said Al-bert Diehl, a Fabrique Nationale managing director, at a press conference in Liege, Belgium.

The concern hopes to return to profitability in 1989, Mr. Diehl said, but added that there would be "some reduction in the workforce." Union representatives said they expected 900 jobs to be targeted, out of a total payroll of 7,000.

Fabrique Nationale, in which cent cootrolling stake, recorded a said earlier this month. loss in 1986, as the world arms sales

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1.8 billion francs, while revenue served only to write off the finan-plunged by 20 percent to 14.9 bil-cial costs of industrial restructuring lion francs.

in a parallel move Wednesday. Société Générale said it would inject 7.3 billion francs into Gechem SA, its chemicals subsidiary. Gechem also announced a three-year plan to shed 10 percent of its 10,000 As with the Fabrique Nationale

capital injection, one billion francs of the new capital Gechem receives will be raised from micority share-The plan, company officials said at a news conference, should allow

the 1987 sales of 39.1 billion francs to rise to 45 billion by 1991 and yield "normal profitability." The decision to restructure the two concerns, which were considered the biggest problems in the sprawling Société Générale empire. was made Tuesday at a meeting of

the group's 27-member board. Both concerns bave sought to cut costs and excess capacity over the past two years, but the financial burden of this has been such that they would have run out of cash by the end of the year "unless further Société Générale has a 50.11 per- action is taken," Société Générale

But the analysts noted that most fl. of the money now being spent on In 1987, it recorded net losses of Fabrique Nationale and Gerhem

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plans, rather than providing the concerns with cash for new invest-

"I hope the moves will not jus put off their ultimate failure," said one analyst with a leading Belgian

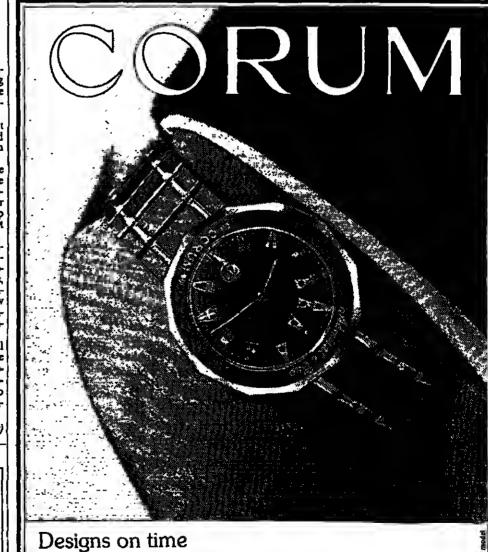
Other analysts felt that the huge sums spent on the two "lame ducks" with no guarantee of returns were unlikely to be popular with investors expected to pick up Societé Genérale shares in the not too distant future.

The capital injections are the latest effort by the "new look" man-agement of Societé Générale to re vamp the sprawling conglomerate which has interests in 1,300 concerns worldwide. The efforts follow a bitter international battle for control of Societé Générale this sum-

The victorious French financial group Compagnie Financiere de Suez now holds a majority in Sociéte Générale, but Italian entrepreneur Carlo De Benedetti, who launched the initial bid last January, has also joined the board.

(AP, AFP, Reuters)

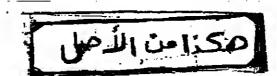
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Sheraton Will Develop 20 Hotels in Indonesia

JAKARTA — Sheraton Corp., the U.S. hotel chain based in Boston, is planning to develop 20 five-star and three-star hotels across Indonesia in the oext decade, its Indonesian partner announced Wednesday.

The company has already identified four projects representing a total investment of \$60 million, on which construction is due to start

before the end of the year, Indo-Pacific Sheraton Ltd. said in a press statement.

A luxurious five-star, 300-room hotel would be built in the holiday resort of Nusa Dua in Bali, while the other three would be set up in Bandung and Semarang in Java, and Lampung

Indo-Pacific, a joint venture with Indonesian concerns, also plans to operate a luxury five-star Sheraton Tower in Jakarta, but a site had not been selected, the statement said.

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Wesray Acquires Share In Ally & Gargano In a 'Strategic' Move

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Wesray Capital Corp., the investment group founded by William E. Simon, the former U.S. Treasury Secretary, has purchased 50 percent of Ally & Gargano, the 26-year-old advertising agency.

Wesray will jointly own the agency, whose creative mantle has been frayed by the loss of several major clients, with the Marketing Corp. of America. Marketing Corp. acquired the agency in 1986, two and a half years after it went public.

The Wesray purchase amounts to a "significant investment on our part," said John Howard, a Wesray senior vice president. "But as deals go that we make, it is a small one," he said. He declined to specify the amount of money

He declined to specify the amount of money involved.

Wesray is active in generating leveraged buyouts of both industrial and consumer products companies. It has spent two years looking at advertising ageocies for one with an unusual approach and "an upside potential," Mr. Howard said. He added: "We looked at agencies both large and small, including one three times A & G's size. But we like Ally & Gargano for its iconcelasm its eccentric way of life and the fact conoclasm, its eccentric way of life and the fact

that it has more creative people than any agency of its relative size. It has the firepower and the critical mass to be a major agency."

Founded in 1962 by Carl Ally and Amil Gargano, the agency accumulated a glowing reputation for its work with such clients as Volvo and Hertz Rent-a-Car. In 1982, Advertising Assessment Ally & Carrago as "agency of ing Age named Ally & Gargano as "agency of the year."

William N. Luceno, former president of Wells, Rich Greene Worldwide, will become chief executive of Ally & Gargano, on Dec. 1. Basuming a post occupied by James R. McManus, who remains chairman of Marketing Corp. All other agency's management members remain, including Mr. Gargano as chairman, Bill Bishop as president, Michael Tesch as distributions. rector of creative services and Warren Dechter

as director of client services.

In May 1987, Mr. Luceno left Wells Rich
Greene after 14 years to find an agency that he
could acquire. In the process, he met Ray Chambers, Wesray's senior partner, and Mr. Howard. They told him they wanted to find an ad agency "for strategic purposes," Mr. Luceno

In the new joint venture, Management Corp. In the new joint venture, Management Corp. and Wesray will create a management equity fund to be awarded to agency employees "making significant contributions" to the company's growth. Mr. Howard said this would be set up by a dilution of the new agency's private common shares and that this would represent a "significant" portion of those shares. "The fund will offer an opportunity for employees to own a piece of the agency and for us to motivate current employees and attract new ones with talent." Mr. Luceno said. talent," Mr. Luceno said.

Wesray was founded in 1981 by Mr. Simon and Mr. Chambers and was soon involved in some of the largest leveraged buyouts of the early and mid-1980's. Among them was the purchase and eventual public sale of Gibson Greeting Cards, a deal that gave Mr. Simon a \$70 million profit; the Procter-Silex Company; we divisions of the Sunber-Collex Company; two divisions of the Sunbeam Corp., and Wearever Aluminum. In recent years, however, Mr. Simon has largely withdrawn from Wesray, with Mr. Chambers taking over active supervi-

with Wesray's widespread involvement in many companies, one would expect Ally & Gargano to drift into some happy, captive client relationships. Not so, Mr. Howard said. "A & G will not get an automatic call from the businesses we run, but we do have a lot of contacts and do know a lot of people and so we think that we can help expose the company to more businesses," he said. "And we think we can add value to it."

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But last April, the agency lost the \$30 million account with Saab Scania of North America. This followed such earlier client defections as Federal Express, MCI Communications and Polaroid. In 1985, Mr. Ally retired amid reports of a dispute with Mr. Gargano, who continued. Some feel that Ally & Gargano's problems have opened an opportunity for Wesray. "Advertising agencies never need a financial partner unless they need money," said Alan J. Gottesman, advertising analyst for Paine Webber. "If things are good, they don't need money or a financial partner. But this should help Ally & Gargano, which makes very good ads but in the past seems to have had trouble retaining clients."

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Spanish Venture Set by Allianz

Reuters

MUNICH — Allianz AG of West Germany, its subsidiary Riumione Adriatica di Sicurta and Banco Popular Español are setting up a joint life assurance company in Spain, Allianz announced Wednesday.

A company spokeswoman said Allianz and Riunione had taken a 2 percent stake in the Spanish bank, and would each have a seat on the bank's supervisory board. Compa-ny sources said there was an option for the two firms to increase their stake in the bank to 5 percent. The statement said Allianz and Riunione would have a 70 percent share in the joint venture, while the bank would have 30 percent.

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C&W Raises Bid for Phone Supplier

LONDON — Cable & Wireless PLC raised its hostile bid for Telephone Rentals PLC to £311.8 million (\$571.2 million) on Wednes-

Telephone Rentals, a supplier of customer telecommunications equipment, rejected the offer, as it did with Cable & Wireless's originad hid on Sept. 28.

Analysts have said that Cable & Wireless needs Telephone Rentals in order to bolster its subsidiary, Mercury Communications Ltd., in the unit's competition with the much larger British Telecommuni-cations PLC

The new bid by Cable & Wireless, an international telecommunications company, values all of Telephone Rentals' stock at £319 million. Cable & Wireless already holds 2.47 percent of Telephone Rentals' shares.

The new bid is for 340 pence a share, up from 305 pence in cash in the previous offer, which was cleared by the British authorities. The new offer is open until Dec. 7. Cable & Wireless said it would not be increased unless a rival bid

Telephone Rentals shares initially it shifted its emphasis away from rose 6 pence to 338 pence each on the London Stock Exchange. But after Telephone Rentals rejected the bid, the shares slipped to 334 pence, 6 pence below the offer

Cable & Wireless shares edged 4 pence higher to close at 366 pence. The oew offer includes a full convertible loan stock alternative to receiving cash, Cable & Wireless

The company said the offer was 24.2 times Telephone Rentals' carnings per share in 1987, and 19.5 mes forecast earnings for 1982.

It added that Telephone Rentals' profit forecast anticipated growth of about 11 percent in its earnings per share for 1988.

Telephone Rentals, bowever, said it considered the offer to be wholly inadequate. The bid fails to recognize the growth potential and strength of the company's broad base of businesses, Telephone

Telephone Rentals is the secondlargest supplier of consumer telecommunications equipment in . Britain, but it does not manufac-After the offer was announced, ture equipment. In the mid-1980s, nue of £48 million.

ble & Wireless would win Telephone Rentals with the increased

bid, and that they doubted another bidder will emerge.
However, they said they thought
Cable & Wireless could have woo Telephone Rentals' agreement with a slightly higher offer, and said this might have been better for the busi-

ness in the long term. Cable & Wireless said when it made its first bid that Mcroury and Telephone Rentals were a natural

The merger, Cable & Wireless said, would allow it to offer customers a wide spectrum of telecommunications functions. It would also allow Mercury, the only telephone system operator licensed to compete with British Telecom, to do so more broadly.

Cable & Wireless said the merger would clear the way for an improved rate of installation of Mercury services, and wider use of its Mercury, acquired by C&W in 1984, last week reported its first trading profit, £4 million for the

data networks. Collaboration on "value added" services is also envis-

cations concerns as American

Telephone & Telegraph Co.,

and STET said it and Telefon-

ica were open to cooperation

The accord with the Spanish

national telephone company

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acquiring intercontinental traffic capacity, satellite tele-

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with other companies.

STET of Italy Sets Ties With

bank, Norway's second biggest bank, said Wednesday it would lay Spanish Firm off a quarter of its staff as part of a major restructuring plan to correct ROME - The Italian state heavy losses. Jobs cut would total telecommunications group Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's STET SpA, kicking off a project to upgrade Italy's commu-Corp. said in New York that it has

downgraded the debt of three trounications petwork, has agreed bled Norwegian banks. Den to a series of joint ventures norske, Bergen Bank A/S and Christiania Bank og Kreditkassen, in view of the loan-loss problems with Telefonica de España, STET announced Wednesday. STET reportedly has also afflicting the industry in Norway. been holding talks with such Den norske reported a 1.5 billion other international communi-

kroner (\$230 million) net loss last year, when it was Norway's biggest bank, and has said it expected loan losses of the same magnitude this

This is a very serious decision," said the bank's managing director. Kristian Rambjoer, of the job cuts, but the move will cut costs by around 300 million kroner." The staff will be reduced within the next five months and the bank also said it would close down or

merge 15 branch offices. Den norske has said it plans to cut operating costs by one-third. Standard & Poor's, explaining its decision on the credit ratings, not-

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ing loan losses many times their standing in 1987, up from only 3 percent in 1981, Standard & Poor's OSLO - Den norske Credit-

"The losses are mainly in a wide range of domestic credits originated by regional offices," the company said. "This situation is likely to endure and limit the banks' potential for improving prolitability in the medium term."

The three banks need to enhance their core capital. But Norway's thin capital market, combined with the poor performance of the banks, greatly limit their flexibility, it said. Bergen Bank in September post-

poned a share issue that would have raised 300 million kroner (\$46 million), citing the depressed con-dition of the Norwegian market. The Norwegian government has said that the country's commercial

banks will post losses of at least 6

billion kroner this year, with the big three banks expected to account for about 70 percent of the Standard & Poor's also said it may downgrade Eksportfinans A/S's \$2.7 billion of AAA-rated

long-term debt. It said the three Norwegian hanks are important guarantors of the loan portfolio of Eksportfinans. Domestie bank guarantees acdecision on the credit ratings, not-ed that the three banks are suffer-finance group's total loans out-

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Norwegian Bank to Cut Staff After Losses percent in 1981, Standard & Poor's

pointed out. The New York-based company downgraded to AA from A Bergen Bank's commercial paper and cer-tificates of deposit and the U.S. commercial paper of its unit. Ber-

gen Bank Corp.
However, the A-rated paper of
London-based Scandinavian Bank
Group, in which Bergen Bank has a 20 percent stake, was not affected.

■ Currency Move Weighed Norwegian Finance Minister Gunnar Berge said the country should consider joining the European Monetary System to give the krone more stability, but only when the country's economy was in better shape, Renters reported.

Mr. Berge, in an interview with state radio, said Norway's sizable current-account deficit must be rectified before such a move could

He gave no further details, but his remarks appeared likely to reopen a debate in Norway, which is oot a member of the European Community, on the question of joining the mechanism that helps limit fluctuations between eight EC currencies on foreign-exchange

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Ralston Seen **Buying French** Battery Maker

International Hereld Tribune PARIS - Wonder-Mazda, the French battery maker, is to be sold to Ralston-Purina Co., Le Monde said Wednesday.

The newspaper did not give a sale price, but suggested it might be around I billion francs (\$170 million).

Wonder, half-owned by the entrepreneur Bernard Tapie and half by the construction magnate Francis Bouygues, had sales last year of 1.4 billiop francs.

Le Monde said that the works committee at Wonder had been officially informed of the sale. The newspaper reported that the Tapic and Bouygues groups did not confirm the sale but said there would be an announcement by the end of the week.

Ralston Purina makes Eveready and Energizer batteries, a business it bought from Union Carbide Corp. in 1986 for

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Nestlé Is Disappointed With Market Reaction to Shares

VEVEY, Switzerland - Nestle SA said Wednesday it was disappointed by the stock market reaction to its decision last week to let foreigners buy its registered shares

for the first time. We have succeeded in narrowing the gap between the registered and bearer shares, but unfortunate-

Domeniconi, the finance director. On Wednesday the registered shares, previously restricted to Swiss investors, were quoted in Zurich at 5,810 Swiss francs (\$4,000), while the bearer shares, previously the only ones available to foreign-

ers, traded at 6,750 francs. Nestle said its decision to lift the

globalization of financial markets. Helmut Maucher, the chief executive of Nestle, said that when the registered shares rose to 6,000 francs at one stage. Nestle had not expected the selling that then took place. Nor had it expected the bearer shares to fall below 8,000 francs.

Mr. Domeniconi said that measured by price-to-earnings ratios, Nestlé shares were still too chean compared with foreign rivals, such as the French food group BSN, or H.J. Heinz Co. or Kellogg Co. of the United States.

He defended Nestlé against criticism by foreign investors angry at the sharp fall in their Nestle bearer

Saying the change in share rules

have done it differently. Besides, and 2 billion Swiss francs, up from you can't judge the success of this 1.83 billion in 1987. operation from only three days share trading.

"My personal opinion is that some investors who burnt their fingers may stay away," he said. "But there will be hordes waiting to buy at current levels."

Asked if Nestle feared law suits, he replied: "I can assure you that our board members are not trem-

Ordinary bearer shares in other Swiss companies that foreignors show a similar development, are allowed to hold have also "We see no reason why dropped in price since Nestle acted

Congress is likely to keep a close

watch oo Northrop for other rea-

sons as well: The company has

last Thursday.

added: "I can't see how we could not profit to be between 1.9 billion

Consolidated sales will be more than 40 billion francs this year compared with 35.24 billion in

Mr. Maucher said these figures would result in a ratio of profit to sales that is close to the 5.2 percent chieved in 1987, a level that he described as extraordinarily high.

The company said it also expects sales in 1989 to rise 10 to 15 percent over 1988, barring unforescen circumstances, and net profit should

"We see no reason why profit should not rise in the same propor-tion," Mr. Maucher said. This

Separately Wednesday, Nestle means we view the future with said it expects 1988 consolidated great confidence." restriction on foreign ownership was in Nestle's best interests over was taken in view of the increasing the long term, Mr. Domeniconi

(Continued from first finance page)

the B-2 can live up to its technical promise. The boomerang-shaped plane has never flown, and its radar-evading characteristics have never been tested under realistic

- The enormous technical challenge of the plane is only underscored by the problems encountered by the B-1B bomber, now entering service, a far less complex aircraft than the B-2 that has been hampered by limitations on its electronic radar-jamming gear.

Moreover, Northrop remains dogged by questions and speculation about its management of the B-2 program. A coogressional study found that the company could not account for bundreds of pages in classified documents at the plant where the B-2 was being do

Two "margin adjustments" on a classified program assumed to involve the 8-2 led Northrop to take \$214 million in write-downs in 1986 and 1987; profit margins on the program remain depressed.

Delays in the program even led to whispers that Northrop would be replaced as prime contractor by its major subcontractor, Bocing Current and former employees

filed a lawsuit contending that the company had overcharged the gov-ernment and engaged in fraudulent billing. Mr. Jones and other Northrop executives, in denying accusations of wrongdoing, note that the Justice Department, after a lengthy investigation, declined to ioin the whistleblowers in their suit. Northrop and Boeing recently

released a joint statement calling think Northrop's production abilitalk of a change in prime contrac-

tors unfounded. This kind of thing goes with the territory," Mr. Jones said of the

criticism and accusations. General Larry D. Welch, the Air Force chief of staff, disclosed at a news conference in Los Angeles last month that the Air Force and Northrop had undertaken a major

been hurt in the past several years by other scandals and performance

ties are unprove

Federal prosecutors and a congressional committee are investigating whether Northrop made ille-

it. Part of the symbolism of the rollout is that the debate will now begin. Joseph F. Campbell, Paine Webber analyst.

redesign of the plane five years ago. The change was made to allow the plane to withstand the stresses of flying at very low altitudes; the

The redesign cost roughly \$1 bil-tion, General Welch said, and was the major reason that the program progressed more slowly than gov-

of the redesign, and General Welch said the work was not the cause of

the \$214 million in write-offs taken by Northrop. He did not elaborate. Congressional scrutiny of Nor-

original design assumed that the plane's missions would keep it at

'You are not going to embark on a \$60

billion program without some debate about

ernment officials, industry executives and analysts had expected. The Air Force paid all the costs

thron is likely to become even more intense as production gears up and more money is spent, especially be-

gal payments to an influential South Korean businessman as part of its unsuccessful efforts to sell its F-20 Tigershark fighter plane in

foreign markets some years ago. Northrop's reputation also suffered last year when it fell badly behind on an ambitious schedule to build guidance devices for the MX missile and was caught skirting testing and parts-procurement pro-

The company has also been criti-

ecutives agreed, to an extent, with

cized by Congress for poor perfor-mance in the development of a new missile called Tacit Rainbow. Analysts say that some of Northrop's problems were a result of the company's growing too fast and top management's being distracted or stretched too thin. Northrop ex-

"Many of our problems came from accepting contract terms and commitments that should never have been accepted in the first place and then trying to work to them," Kent Kresa, the president of Northrop, told analysts earlier

But Northrop executives are confident that they have overcome the problems and are set for a period of significant profit growth.

the picture should improve. As we move into production the margins will go up and the investment will pay off." Mr. Jones

Analysis said, however, that it remains impossible to predict with any accuracy what the ultimate financial payoff of the B-2 will be for Northrop, as so few details have

been made public. The key will be the rate of pro-

Somewhat overshadowed by the B-2 work is Northrop's effort to wio the contract to build the Advanced Tactical Fighter, which the Air Force hopes to deploy in the mid-1990s. Northrop, with Mc-Doundl Douglas as its major sub-

NORTHROP: Stealth Bomber Project Fuels Contractor's Expansion

Northrop is projecting that revenue this year and next will be somewhat lower than last year's \$6 bil-lion, nearly half of which is thought to have come from the B-2 program. But as that and other proams make the transition from the development phase, where costs are high and serbacks common, to the more profitable production phase.

duction the Air Force asks for, because faster production generally translates into greater efficiencies and higher margins.

contractor, is competing against a team headed by Lockheed.

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Rodamco said its offer was worth 16.7 percent more than Hammerson's market capitaliza-tion prior to the unveiling of the bid. It also argued that the offer represents a 21.3 percent increase over Hammerson's last-published figure for net asset value per share. The British company has said its net asset value per share stood at

excellent opportunity to realize

650 pence on December 31, 1987. A property analyst at a major British brokerage said the expected battle between Rodamco and Hammerson would hinge on a fresh property valuation, which Hammerson is likely to order as part of its defense document.

"Based on our calculations, an two biggest property companies independent revaluation of Ham-were seeking further expansion value of 950 pence or even £10 per share," said the analyst, who asked not to be named. "That means that Rodamco might have to go as high as 925 to 950 pence if it's serious

Another London analyst said a new valuation would produce a minimum net asset value of 900 pence per share, but noted that valuations for defensive purposes are sometimes twigged up a bit."

Both analysts said the emergence of a counter bid by another hostile bidder or by a "white knight" was possible, although another all-cash

hid was less likely. Rodamco already owns 1.5 percent of Hammerson's ordinary shares and 5.3 percent of the 'A shares, which carry restricted vot-

ing rights. Rik van Slingelandt, a Rodameo director, said the bid for Hammerson was part of Rodamco's policy

of adding top-flight property in leading industrialized countries to its portfolio. "The Hammerson portfolio makes a good fit with ours and complements it," be said, noting that, unlike Hammerson. Rodamco has no direct boldings in Canada or Australia.

Hammerson has 43 percent of its property assets invested in Great Britain, 25 percent in Canada, 14 percent in Australia, and nine per-cent each in the United States and If successful, the acquisition would nearly double Rodamco's

property portfolio, currently worth 4.37 billion guilders. Rodamoo estimates the net value of Hammerson's portfolio at £1.05 billion. Analysts said the Netherlands' merson's portfolio could produce a abroad because they had grown ton large for the Dutch market or for individual European markets. They said Dutch property groups were

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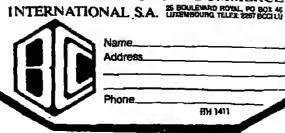
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Police Arrest 7 in U.K. For Fraud Conspiracy

The Associated Press

LONDON — Police arrested seven people Wednesday for conspiring to defraud the London branch of the Union Bank of Switzerland of £32 million (\$59 million).

A police spokesman said the seven, whose names were not disclosed because they had not been formally charged, were being held in custody at stations around the City of London, the financial district, police said.

The case centers on a massive unanthorized transfer of funds to a branch of Credit Suisse in

only when computers failed and records had to be processed by hand.

The arrests by London police Wednesday

brought to nine the number of people arrested in the case. Two men have already been arrested in Switzerland and detectives have questioned at least one Union Bank of Switzerland employ-ce in London.

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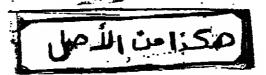
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Dollar Declines Despite Fed Support

NEW YORK — The dollar fell Wednesday in thin trading as bear-ish sentiment prevailed despite ef-forts by the Federal Reserve Board to support the currency.

The U.S. currency finished at 121,075 yen, barely above the record low of 121.05 set in the United States on Dec. 31, 1987, and down from 121.275 Tuesday. Dealers said the dollar would have fallen further in the absence of support by the U.S. central bank.

They said the market remained preoccupied with how President- the U.S. carrency briefly around elect George Bush will deal with the huge U.S. trade and federal er in continuing bearish sentimen budget deficits. This factor has deand in the absence of fresh news. pressed the dollar since the Nov. 8 presidential election.

"Until we hear something specific, we're going to see a further de-cline in the dollar," said Earl I. Johnson, a trader with Harris Trust & Co. in Chicago.

Mr. Johnson noted that trading was quiet before the Thanksgiving Day holiday Thursday and with Japanese markets closed for a na-

Against the Deutsche mark, the slipped to a 1.7163 close

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London Dollar Rates

from 1,4458 and to 5,8655 French francs from 5.8760.

The Fed bought dollars at 121,35 yen and at 1,7190 DM in midafternoon, dealers said, stabilizing those levels. But it leter drifted lower in continuing bearish sentiment

During the day, the dollar had ne as low as 1.7140 DM and 121.05 yen, touching the record U.S. low.

Some dealers said the rise in oil prices and hopes that a production agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could be reached this week would ordinarily provide some support for the dollar, but overwhelmingly bearish sentiment took precedence on Wednesday.

Tim O'Dell, international stratefrom 1.7188 on Tuesday, while the gist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said British pound advanced to \$1.8365 the dollar could fall to test 1.71 from \$1.8338. The dollar also DM, and 120.25 yen, if central

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OPEC members do not reach agreement.
In London, the dollar closed

lower after a subdued session that was marked by the absence of central bank intervention to brake its gentle slide, dealers said.

The dollar eased to 1.7165 DM from 1.7205 at Tuesday's close and to 121.25 yen from 121.35. The pound rose to \$1.8375 from

\$1.8320, while the U.S. currency fell to 1.4404 Swiss francs from 1.4473 and to 5.8625 French francs from 5.8850. The Australian dollar jumped to

new highs against the U.S. dollar. The Canadian dollar also rose. The Australian dollar stood in after-hours London trading at around 86.72 U.S. cents, below record highs of 86.90 touched earlier

in the day. The Australian unit traded as high as 87.05 U.S. cents in New York — a five-year high, dealers said — after closing on Tuesday at

The Fed intervened on behalf of The Reserve Bank of Australia on Tuesday to sell Australian dollars. but dealers said no such action was detected Wednesday.

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Economist Sees Weaker Dollar Into the 1990s

BRUSSELS -The dollar is likely to continue declining into the 1990s, despite the probability of continuing support by major central banks, a senior economist of the Con-ference Board, a businesssponsored research organiza-

tion, said Wednesday. Eric Kruger, executive director of the board's economic and business environment program, said at a meeting in Brussels that psychological and economic forces were putting downward pressure on the dollar, and seemed likely to

"I will not deny that the risk of a sharper fall in the dollar than we have had since October, 1987 is somewhat higher since the U.S. presidential

election," he said. However, the fear of central bank intervention is likely to be strong enough to avert the risk of a sharp selloff, provid-ed that President-elect George Bush can convince markets of his ability to cut the U.S. budget deficit, he said.

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Air Travelers Start to Pay More in U.S. Fare Shift

By Agis Salpukas New York Traies Service

NEW YORK - At one minute past midnight on Wednesday, one of the most extensive restructurings of U.S. airline fares in a decade went into effect, substantially raising the cost of flying for business and leisure travelers on most

The changes, which were put in place by all the large airlines and most regional carriers. cover about 95 percent of the U.S. airline system. The carriers climinated one class of fares entirely - the three-to-seven-day advance-purchase fares used mostly by business travelers. And they increased the lowest and most widely used discount fares, the Maxsavers, by an average of about 8 percent, or \$30 on a round trip.

There is still a chance that the changes will be modified, but a trend toward higher fares seems

Some analysts see this as a milestone: After a series of fare wars since the industry was deregulated a decade ago, fierce struggles with unions to lower costs and arduous efforts to establish dominance in particular hubs, airlines

are now in a position to raise prices and reap much higher profits.

"This is a big deal," said David Sylvester, an airline analyst for Kidder Peabody. "This fare

increase affects virtually all markets." In the past, he said, when one carrier increased fares other carriers might follow, but usually with modifications that limited the im-

made the first move and the big trunk airlines followed its lead with only small adjustments. The only major exception is Midway Airlines, which operates out of Midway Airport in Chicago. Its refusal to go along with higher fares will keep travel costs down on routes like

pact. In the current round, Continental Airlines

Chicago-New York and Chicago-Los Angeles. Other major carriers have made some smail exceptions to their increases. Eastern Airlines, for example, did not increase the Maxsaver fare on its flights between Florida and cities east of the Mississippi.

The changes will not really start to bite into corporate travel budgets for several months, since business travel tends to decrease in December and January.

Most leisure travelers will not feel the impact

manediatery, many iocked in their 1886s for the holiday season and beyond at the lower levels.

The first to feel the increases will be the travelers who must fly on short notice. Such travelers have become used to getting a discount of 25 percent or more off the regular

coach fare, on short notice.

These travelers will now find such fares gone from most markets and will have to pay the

higher coach fares. Helane Becker, an analyst for Shearson Lehman Hutton, estimated that the cost of travel for such people will go up an average of about

Under the new fare structure only three main classes of fares will remain on domestic flights, down from four. These will be full coach, excur-

sion fares and the Maxsavers. Excursion fares are discounts of about 45 to 50 percent off full coach. They have restrictions like a 50 percent cancellation penalty and requirements for seven-day advance purchase

and a Saturday night stay. The Maxsavers are about 60 percent off full coach but have tighter restriction such as a 14-day advance purchase, full cancellation penalties and a Saturday night stay.

French Government Bonds Look More Attractive

By Alan Raybould

PARIS — Assuming the dollar does not go into a free-fall, French government bonds should prove in-creasingly attractive to foreign investors in the medium term, dealers

and analysts said. "We have high real interest rates, moderate inflation, a highly liquid market, a comfortable spread over German bond yields," said Jean-Marie Legendre, a senior dealer at Banque Indosuez. "The market is healthy," he added. "There's no in-

ternal reason for it to fall." The dollar's current weakness might dampen immediate price prospects, but French bond prices have in recent sessions shown notable resistance to its downturn.

"More than ever, the American market overhangs us," Mr. Legendre said. "But having said that, on fundamentals alone, the French market should resist well. It will follow the general trend in the U.S., but will be more resilient."

Jim O'Neill, an economist at Swiss Bank Corp. in London, agreed that French bonds looked attractive in comparison with ma-

"I wouldn't rule out, if there are bad U.K. trade figures this week, that people could switch out of gilts into French bonds," Mr. O'Neill said. "Until recently, they've been moving into high-yielding gilts, but they're getting worried now," he said.

The benchmark 9.80 percent French Treasury bonds due in 1996 are currently yielding around 8.7

This compares with 6.35 percent for the German 6% percent bonds due in 1998 and just over 9 percent for 10-year U.S. Treasuries. Medium-term gilts yield between 9.75 and 10 percent.

But analysts said strong franc resilience to the dollar's weakness may finally convince investors that Paris will resist pressure for a devaluation within the European Monetary System. Dollar weakness in the past has caused trouble for France in supporting the franc

against the Deutsche mark. Currency worries have under- , cy worries, a return to the 200 level

ment bonds, known as gilts, and West German bonds, known as bunds.

bunds, requiring comparatively high yields to attract buyers. But Finance Minister Pierre Ber-

egovoy has repeatedly asserted the French government's commitment to a strong franc since his return to

office last spring.
"Some people are still suspicious about the French attitude on the exchange rate," Mr. O'Neill said. But this may no longer be valid and the yield premium traditionally demanded by international investors in francs could gradually fall, he

Mr. Legendre said that interna-tional yield expectations bad al-ready changed. He noted a turning point in the appreciation of French bonds at the turn of the year, when fell below yields on U.S. Treasury

On the subject of German bunds, he noted that "there used to be a psychological barrier at a yield gap of 250 basis points, but we have

got over that in 1988." Although the yield gap between medium-term French bonds and German bonds has widened to around 235 basis points on curren-

seen in late summer is likely.

But it would take a protracted battle to crode that differential. Investors felt 200 basis points was justified by differing inflation expectations in the two countries.

Analysts noted that even if EMS parities were altered, the franc's current rate against the mark would probably not alter greatly.

Given a parity change of around 3 percent, the franc would simply move into the top end of its allowed range against the West German currency, out of the current bottom

At current exchange rates, the French bond market is not riskless, "but it's not far off it," said Mr.

Just two years ago. French bonds took up little space in international portfolios. But the French Treasury now estimates that of 370 billion francs (\$60 billion) of government bonds outstanding, roughly 5 per-cent are held by foreign investors, mostly from the United States, Europe and the Far East.

in September, the French scored a coup by becoming the first for-eign government to list its bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.



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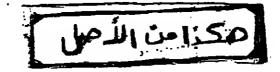
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BOOKS

MASK OF TREACHERY: Spies, Lies, Buggery and Betrayal

By John Costello. 765 pages. \$22.95. William Morrow, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016. And, £15. William Collins, 8 Grafton Street, London WIX 3LA.

Reviewed by Barry James

WAS Anthony Blunt not a subsidiary but the "first man" in the Burgess-Maclean-Philby spy ring?
Did the British government shield him because he had access to intelligence about the purported Nazi sympathies of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor?

Did Britain deliberately mislead the FBI and the CIA about the ramifications of the spy network in order to cover up the weaknesses of its own secret services?

John Costello, a British historian living in New York, makes these and many other assertions in "Mask of Treachery." He bases his arguments partly on several thousand U.S. and British intelligence documents he obtained through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, partly on interviews with former intelligence agents in Britain and the United States.

Costello said in an interview in Paris recently that both these avenues of research will be closed to future British writers if the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tightens up certain aspects of the Official Secrets Act, a World War I measure that makes it an offense to impart or receive unauthorized informa-tion about virtually every aspect of government. Para-doxically, even Blunt cited the act to dodge questions at the news conference he gave after Thatcher publicly identified him as a traitor in 1979. A white paper published earlier says the public's access to information should generally be made easier, except in the key areas of defense, intelligence and national security, where it should be more strictly enforced.

Citing the need to protect secrets shared in confidence with other governments or international organizations, the white paper proposed to make it a criminal offense to disclose in Britain security information obtained abroad legally. At the same time, Costello said the United States is accommodating Britain's demand for secrecy by with-drawing countless numbers of documents from public

scrutiny at the British government's request.

The measures envisaged by Britain also would make it illegal for serving or retired spies and counterspies to make any disclosure relating to security or intelligence. whether or not that information is true or false. The government's unsuccessful attempt to block pub-

lication of Peter Wright's "Spycatcher" — even after it had become a best seller in the United States and presumably, required reading for the KGB—underlined Thatcher's determination that spies should take their secrets with them to the grave.

If Costello's assertions about Blunt and Britain's band of upper-class traitors are correct, they surely reveal little that is not already known at Dzerzhinsky Square, the KGB's headquarters in Moscow.

But they do raise questions about the incompetence, self-protectionism and curious sexual habits that, according to Costello, were rife in the British ruling elite a cause for embarrassment, perhaps, but hardly a matter of compelling national security so long after the events. Saying it is vital in a democracy for people to be adequately informed about the events that shape their history, Costello quoted Jefferson: "A popular govern-ment without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy — or perhaps both."

Costello's skein of names, facts, hypotheses and subplots is not easy to follow. But he has uncovered much that is new, particularly from the copies of the MI5 counterintelligence reports and supplementary reports be found in the U.S. National Archives and FBI files.

According to Costello, Blunt, a noted art historian and surveyor of Queen Elizabeth II's pictures, was the key man in the Soviet spy network in Britain before, during and after World War II — more important within the organization than Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean or the recently deceased Kim Philby.

Costello surmises that Blunt was protected by a Soviet "mole" very high up in MIS. He points an accusing finger at Guy Liddell, the force's deputy director at the time Burgess and Maclean defected.

From the time he was unmasked as a spy in 1964 to his public exposure 15 years later, Blunt continued to enjoy his prestigious niche at the top of the social ladder. The reason for this, Costello asserts, is that Blunt knew of dealings between the Duke of Windsor and Hitler, because after the war be had been sent to Germany and the Netherlands to retrieve letters and documents from the German relatives of the British royal family. Those letters, locked up in the royal archives at Windsor, were Blunt's "gold-plated insurance policy," Costello says.

He adds that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI,

considered the duke a major threat to Allied security after be and his wife, the former Wallis Simpson, had allegedly informed Hitler about Britain's plans to defend France and Belgium. Hoover, according to the author, wanted the Windsors to be interned. Instead, the duke was sent as governor general to the Bahamas from where, Costello says, he continued to lend aid and comfort to

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By Alan Truscott

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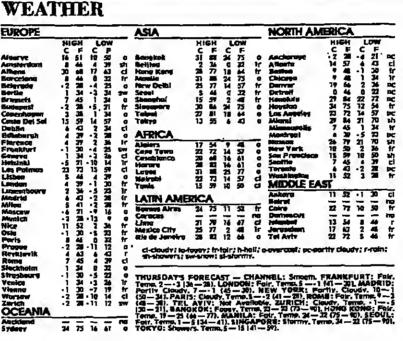
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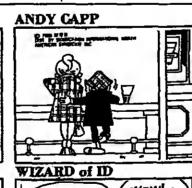
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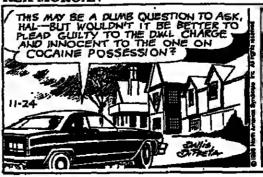


















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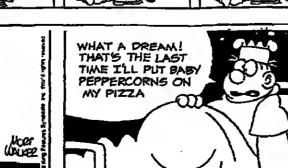
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Tyson-Bruno Fight Reported Off Again

NEW YORK - Mike Tyson's Jan. 14 heavyweight title defense against Frank Bruno is off again, this time amid accusations and threats of lawsuits, according to published reports.

The New York Times and the or the U.S.," New York Daily News reported in Wednesday's editions that the fight contacted by Weitzman, who said was postponed late Tuesday night when the Las Vegas Hilton, site of and able to fight Bruno.

the scheduled match, backed out. "The fight is off," said Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, after learning from John Giovenco of the Nevada Hilton Corporation that the hotel was "pulling the plug on the land 14 doze" a legal wrangle, was likely to post-pone the bout until mid-March. Jan. 14 date.

Giovenco acted after being told by Tysoo's attnrney, Howard Weitzman, that Cayton's offer of a deal with boxing promoter Don King was "unacceptable" and there was "no way to keep it alive."

"I'm very disappointed," Cayton said. The terms for a bout with Bruno, who first became the Nn. 1 contender for Tyson's undisputed crown a year ago, would have earned the champion more than \$6

A proposed deal with King, who yson says he wants as his exclusive promoter the next four years, a ploy. I reserve judgment.

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What I do know is that Frank is was for the four Tyson fights car-ried by Home Box Office following the Bruno match. Cayton said as "a manager of integrity, I can't let my fighter commit financial suicide."

Over the past month, Cayton and King and Tyson had been negotiating what King's role would be er Tuesday that Tyson would re-in the fighter's future; apparently turn to Catskill, New York, and in the fighter's future; apparently they were unable to resolve matters in time to snit the hotel. start training with Kevin Rooney on Monday for the Bruno fight.

"It will be a long time before Mike Tyson fights again," said Seth Abraham, head of HBO Sports. There's a spider webb of litigation

Astaire, had said this week that if the fight didn't come off by Jan. 14. he would insist the site be changed to London, its original location. "It's a completely new ballgame whether the fight will be in London or the U.S.," Cayton said.

Astaire said be had earlier been

the champion was "ready, willing These developments followed reports that Tyson was some 28 pounds (12.6 kilograms) overweight and, because be was at the center of

The fight has been postponed at least six times.

Tyson suffered a broken hand in a street brawl with heavyweight Mitch Green, suffered a concussion when he rammed his car into a tree, then became involved in divorce proceedings with his actress wife, Robin Givens.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless. was still cautious when he first heard about the possibility of a January date. "I have seen the telex, but after all that has already happened with this fight I'm never sure what is the truth," Lawless said. "I don't know whether this is

ready. His bags are packed. . . . He's been training all the time and if anything he's too lean at the moment. Close to a fight, heavyweights usually carry a bit of surplus." Weitzman had told Astaire earli-

Earlier this week, Cayton said that if his impasse with King was not resolved this week, he probably would pursue legal action against

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O'Neill, NHL's Disciplinarian, Is Weary but Wary

By Joe Sexton

New York Tings Service MONTREAL - Brian O'Neill, the National Hockey League's executive vice president, puts in long hours in front of the television set and videotape machine

As the man in charge of disciplinary action against players on the league's 21 teams, O'Neill watches endless replays and makes his rulings. This season, it has seemed he's done nothing else. With hockey's reputation blackened by a spate of ugly stick incidents, he may have be-come the single most influential figure in the sport.

"These are not decisions that are popular with anyone," said O'Neill. "It's not a popularity contest....

Last Thursday, O'Neill sat behind his large desk, in the middle of yet another controversy. The night before, be'd watched from rinkside as Montreal forward Stephane Richer speared Jeff Nortoo of the New York Islanders in the ribs. Norton lay sprawled on the ice for 10 minutes before he was wheeled off on a



Brian O'Neill: Endless replays.... leniency by O'Neill, who that day an-

hospital.

O'Neill acted instantly, speaking with the game's referee, the supervisor of officials in attendance and executives of both clubs (in fact pulling Pat Burns, the Mon-treal coach, out of a post-game news conference). For the first time in more than two decades in the league, O'Neill demanded a disciplinary hearing for an incident he had witnessed personally.

"You have to be angry to see that happen to a player," O'Neill said of Norton, who suffered bruised ribs. "Anger is as good a word as any to use in a situation like that. But I've been around too long to

Roughly a quarter of the way into the eason. O'Neill has handed out more than half a dozen suspensions; more are likely to follow. He has watched tapes of players getting their teeth smashed, jaws broken, eyes gouged. "It is a very dis-tasteful part of the job," said O'Neill, whn has held his current title and meted ont his own brand of patchwork justice since 1977. "It is also one I dislike intensely. I think anyone who did like doing what I do would certainly be coming from the wrong direction.

"It's not easy to sit in judgment of hockey players who are making their liv-ing. But it's always been my belief that it's oecessary. We have a very violent, emotional game, and things are going to bappen. It's necessary to maintain some kind of nrder. It's an important job. It's just not a pleasant one.

By most accounts, O'Neill is a pleasant man and a thorough, respected adjudicator. His diligence and promptness in collecting facts, his fundamental fairness to the accused and his unwavering belief in the appropriateness of his rulings are generally admired by the people directly affected by his decisions. But there are exceptions.

Mike Bossy, one of the game's greatest goal scorers and an outspoken advocate of ridding the sport of unnecessary violence, on Friday blasted what he said was

nounced that Richer would be suspended

for 10 games.
"Brian O'Neill is employed by the owners, and he's handing our suspen-sions to owner's employees," Bossy was quited as saying. "That's why you have imited suspensions. They should have an iodependent body or person, someone or somebody that has nothing to do with the NHL to handle suspensions. It's obvious the NHL isn't doing enough. There's still an incident a week.

Of Irish heritage and a traditional Quebec upbringing, O'Neill played hock-ey from the age of 6 until his graduation from McGill University in Montreal, where he studied economics. He then held a series of jobs in publishing before signing on with the NHL in 1966. He spent the next 10 years handling a variety of administrative chores, from making schedules to debating pensions. He rose to become the closest aide to Clarence Campbell, the league president who stepped down in 1977.

Whatever one says about O'Neill, 58. be is a man who approaches his job with unrelecting seriousness. "I had great respect fur the way Mr. Campbell handled these matters," he said. "He was very thorough, and the thing he impressed on me most was to make sure the player eninved due process.

O'Neill, with his time in grade, also has the benefit of perspective. It was not an uncommon thing in those days to see two players stand up and swing sticks at each other," he said, "You don't see that much anymore. What you see are the quick

"The character of the violence is different oow. I don't think the stickwork is anywhere near as severe as it was. Some of the incidents that took place back then, by today's standards, were bloodcurdling. O'Neill reacts to the two charges made

against him — that he is lenient and inconsistent — with a mixture of understanding and controlled exasperation. "They don't all fit into the same category," he said. "And so I can understand that there is some kind of concern as to

From a spate of ugly incidents that have blackened the sport's reputation.

the consistency of some of the penalties. fairness to the player who perpetrated the But there are so many aspects that every case is so different. You have to deal with the intent of the players, the severity of the action, the extent of the injury, the premeditation, the provocation. And after all that, he has to deal with

the criticism from both sides. Last season, many thought his suspen-sion of Philadelphia's Dave Brown for 15 games after a vicious cross-check of Tomas Sandstrom of the New York Rangers was not enough of a sanction - that O'Neill had let slip a perfect chance to set an example to stun the players into sense

"You always have an element of doubt in your mind about whether you are do-ing the right thing," he said. "It's perfectly normal. It's a very subjective bus And the one area to avoid is handing down a severe penalty for the purpose of setting an example. We can't do that. In everything we do, we have to consider the

act as well as the victim. He has rights, as

O'Neill conceded, however, that the recent explosion of incidents was troubling. He had hoped new league rules mandating a major penalty and game misconduct for gross high-sticking would have a more immediate and demonstra-

ble impact on the players. "I haven't yet put any significance on the fact that there have been so many incidents in such a convergence of time,"
O'Neill said. "I think it's an aberration. I'm not prepared to say we have an epi-

demic taking place. "I may, though, feel differently in another week or two."

Night was dropping on Montreal as O'Neill got up from his desk and walked to the tape machine. "It's a good one," he said of the apparatus. "Goes backwards. forwards, all angles. It's gotten a work-

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Jabbar Amid the Survivors

By George Vecsey New York Times Service

NEW YORK - If you want a ense of bow long Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has been around, one measure of his age is that he actually can remember walking to a ballpark named the Polo Grounds at the edge of Harlem, when there was also a baseball team in Brooklyn. "I'm a baseball fan and I still

miss Willie and the Duke," he said while preparing for his farewell ceremony Tuesday night in the "new Madisnn Square Garden. He played in the "old" one, too, as a student at Power Memorial High School, which oo longer exists ei-

At 41, Abdul-Jabbar does not mind admitting that he pines for Mays, of and Snider, of when scanning the box scores, just as annther generation of baseball fans have ant gotten aver the DiMaggio-Williams rivalry.

And didn't Carl Hnbbell, who

died on Monday at 85, just strike out five sluggers in the All-Star Game?

But baseball has somehow survived without the Babe and King Carl and Stan the Man and Henry Aaron, just as basketball muddles on without Doctor J., and football's clock keeps ticking without

Walter Payton.
But Abdul-Jabbar's teammate and admirer, Earvin Johnson who is becoming such a sage that it seems almost patronizing to keep calling him Magic -does not think 300 2294 7.7 229.4 the center can be replaced.

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> cem brought mobility and finesse to the position. He won, be did it with style, and people came out to see him. While some younger athletes in the post-literate watch-the-mbe age can voice the sentiment, as Vince

Coleman of the St. Louis Cardinals once did, "Don't know no Jackie Robinson, man," Johnson is not merely a ubiquitous sports (an, but also a student of the past "Muhammad Ali has never been replaced," Johnson said. "Vince

gest beroes."

hammad Ali, each Wayne Gretzky, each Jackie Joyner-Kersee, is to take a good look at them while they are performing, appreciate the way the way they smile or frown.

Remember the uniqueness of them but don't expect the game to sbut down when they retire. "We all bave our space for that time," said Joe Frazier recently,

Frazier was in town to receive the 13th annual Rocky Marciano Memorial Award, for being "a



Abdul-Jabbar, booking over Patrick Ewing Tuesday in New York.

comes and goes. "I only met Rocky once." Frazier said. "It was right outside the Garden. He was coming ing Marciann in a corridor, not in

"I don't think the sport ever gets over somebody like Kareem."

"He changed the game in college. man who could do it all - score, man who could do it all — score, block shots, run the floor, dribble — was unheard of. Io the pros, Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain were legends in their own way, but Kar-

Lombardi, even though I never knew him, when I hear the old-time guys in the NFL films talking about him. I really respect him. And Wilt and Russell were my big-

The best way to honor each Muthey move, the way they perform,

but there were other guys before

champion in the ring, a champion in life,"

He had oot left the ring easily Graf lost to Pam Shriver and a case early in this decade, but oow he of the flu at the Garden last weekknows that every champion's time out, I was coming in." Smokin' Joe speaks in left hooks, oot in metaphors. He was talking about pass-

the flow of generations. Fir all its brutality and graft, boxing endured the loss of Joe Louis and Marciano, and the aging of Ali and Frazier, too. "Those two belonged together." Frazier said. "He thought he was the greatest and I thought I was just as great."

But Steffi Graf has already put tennis into a new era by winning the Grand Slam and the Olympic

Frazier and Ali of the sport, Mar-tina Navratilova and Chris Evert,

front gates at higher than face value.

had trouble buying seats at the last minute.

bought at the price he had paid for them.

pleading guilty and paying a \$100 fine.

the track with even better seats and bought those.

made us submit to a complete naked strip search.

Ticket Buyer-Seller Nailed

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky - If they hold the Breeders' Cup at

Californian Michael Doak said that was the unpleasant lesson that

They came to see Breeders' Cup V and instead spent the afternoon

Doak said he attended the four previous Breeders' Cups and never

He lucked out again this time and bought four seats on his way

into the track at twice their face value, then was approached inside

He said he then went back outside to try to unload the first four he

"I was arrested for ticket scalping," Doak said.
"They set bail at \$500, photographed and imgerprinted us, and

"It took us six and a balf hours to get out of there. We all ended up

"Then I saw on television how the mayor of Louisville said this

was the best Breeders' Cup and he wants it there every year," Doak

continued. "Never is soon enough for me."

Churchill Downs officials said there were some minor arrests on

Breeders' Cup Day and described the crowd as generally orderly.

"I've received calls from people who were involved in ticket

scalping," said David Lambertus, a Louisville attorney. "All I can say is that ticket scalping is illegal in the state of Kentucky, "If you perform an illegal act in Kentucky, you're going to be arrested and searched and everything else. It's a terribly undignified procedure, but that's the way it is."

he and at least a dozen other fans learned earlier this month.

Churchill Downs again, and you have a couple of extra reserved seats, do not under any circumstances try selling them outside the

end, it gave Gabriela Sabatini the opening to register the biggest victory of her career. Nn Evert, oo Navratilova, on

Graf. But tennis survived. In Boston, they're printing diagrams of Larry Bird's ankles (Why ont? In Washington earlier this fall,

We'll probably be watching Bird in the finals while we are at cookous on the Fourth of July, but if he's not there, somebody else will be the bero on Independence Day. It might be a replacement like Some people worry that women's Reggie Lewis of the Celtics or an tennis will enter an ice age when the established hero like Isiah Thomas

Wilkins. Or it might be a man named Abdul-Jahbar, 42 by then, who can remember the old Garden, and the the Grand Slam and the Olympic old ballparks and center fielders gold medal this year. And when named Snider and Mays.

they printed diagrams of Doug Williams's appendix.) heroin. Many side effects from ste-

athletes about medical warnings. "Everyone says, "Why do you or Michael Jordan nr Dominique

effects?" said Bruce Wilhelm, a former Olympic weight lifter and now a member of the executive board of the U.S. Olympic Committee. "I'll tell you why: It's because nobody has dropped dead or died. If all of a sudden you had empirical data that said 137 American athletes died in the '76 Olympic Games and anabolic steroids did it. you would have people sit up and take notice. But they have not been able to link one death to it yet."

"I have seen thousands of athletes who have taken megadoses," Wilhelm added. "I know a man who has taken 10,000 milligrams for a week. The man is still alive. The man is in movies. The man is enormously strong. He appears to be healthy, except that he is a bit overweight. What can you tell an athlete?"

Dr. James Garrick, a sports medicine specialist at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco, said that many athletes believe organized medicine has lost credibility twice over anabolic steroids.

The party line 15 to 20 years igo was that they did not work, but the athletes looked at each other and said. Of course they work -and now there is some reasonable evidence that they do work," Garrick said. "Next, the medical profession said, 'Maybe they do work, but your testicles will shrink, your sex life will disappear and you will get liver cancer and die.' The ath-letes again looked around and said they didn't see anyone die." "Anything organized medicine says right now will probably be

ignored." he concluded.

Experts on Steroids Still Adrift Indeed, many doctors acknowledge that they know less about the effects of anabolic steroids than do

the athletic world over the effec-

tiveness and safety of anabolic-ste-

roid use reflects the enormous diffi-

culty in carrying out scientifically

valid studies to determine the

The Food and Drug Administra-

tion approves the use of small doses of anabolic steroids for a few rare

conditions - like an inherited skin

condition that produces hives -

but not for improving athletic per-

steroids on the black market, and

swallow or inject them in amounts

up to 100 times higher than the

Athletes often "stack" (combine)

various anabolic steroids, add other

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drugs' benefits and risks.

By Lawrence Altman, M.D. New York Times Service

NEW YORK - After 30 years of scientific uncertainty about whether anabolic steroids can enhance athletic performance, medi-cal opinion is slowly tilting toward the conclusion that steroids do help some athletes add muscle bulk and weight, and even set world records.

But many experts express deep concern about the risks to people who take these drugs indiscriminately in large amounts, in uncontrolled settings, often unaware that the drugs are potentially dangerous. Elite athletes usually know what they are doing with steroids, but the drugs are generally ob-

tained on the black market, most users take them without a doctor's supervision or advice and without knowing for sure what is in them. Anabolic steroids, which many athletes call the "breakfast of champions," are derivatives of the male sex hormone, testosterone, and are known to have damaged

the liver, the testicles and other organs. Psychotic episodes, aggressive behavior and major injuries have been attributed to the drugs. Although many experts believe the degree of hazard is low, they dn not know how low, or how often the effects can be reversed after an individual stops using the drugs.

Nor are doctors certain whether they have identified all possible long-term dangers.

The risks should not be exagger-

ated, experts say. Anabolic steroids have not been found responsible for any publicized drug-overdose deaths. In terms of danger, some experts liken anabolic steroids to birthcontrol pills rather than cocaine or

roids apparently disappear when athletes stop using the drugs. Revisinns and uncertainties in cientific opinions about the benefits and risks of anabolic steroids have bred a deep skepticism among

drugs, and take them in cycles, ac-cording to regimens that vary wide-ly. When no longer training for comtake it when there are all these side Many of the drugs are counter-feit — made in unlicensed laboratories. An unknown oumber are use anabolic steroids has thwarted attempts to do the studies that scientists agree are needed to deter-mine whether anabolic steroids work and how dangerous they are. use published in scientific journals

based on tests of much smaller doses than athletes use in training. Even if athletes did agree to cooperate, there is skepticism that proposals for such scientific studies. which would require testing large doses, would pass the ethics committees whose approval is needed under federal law before any experiment is carried out on a human.

Medical groups and experts appear to be tilting increasingly toward the view that the drugs can enhance the physiques or perfor-mances of some athletes.

The American College of Sports use of steroids by themselves did not significantly improve strength, skeletal muscles, weight or aerobic entremely large doses of steroids either risks and his inability to determine aided or hindered athletic performance. But in 1984, it said that "the gains in muscular strength achieved through high-intensity exercise and proper diet can be increased by the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids in some individuals."

Said Dr. Donald Catlin, who

does drug testing for the USOC and the National Collegiate Athletathletes who have used them and ic Association: "The sense I get is that more people in the scientific world feel that they do have some learned about them from generally accurate underground handbooks. The wide gulf of opinion be-tween the medical community and perceived beneficial effect on athletes," Still, he said, scientists "are

struggling to find a scientific mechanism to explain their action." Dr. Robert Voy, chief medical officer of the USOC, described three types of responses to anabolic steroids be has seen among athletes. One gets no major effect, Voy said. A second "may get some gain" but also gets sick. The third, he said, "almost grow as you sit in front of them - they pop a pill and

What doctors know from everylic steroids can cause fundamental derangements of body chemistry.

Testosterooe, the male sex he mone from which anabolic steroids are derived, stimulates develop-ment of bone, muscle, skin and hair growth as well as emotional re-

Ordinarily, an adult man produces 2.5 to 10 miligrams of testosterooe a day. But ingestion of large amounts of anabolic steroids can cause a man to make less of his own testosterone, even completely shut-

ting off production. A result: shrunken testicles, lowered sperm counts, balding and Icminized breasts.

In youths, excessive amounts of testosterone can cause premature closing of the portions of the bone that control its length, thus stunting growth. Women produce very little testosterone, so those who use anabo-

lic steroids can develop masculine

characteristics like busky voice and

more facial hair. Some of the characteristics can be permanent.
The FDA and the American College of Sports Medicine bave warned against the hazards of anabolic steroids. One possible hazard from long-term use, they say, is an increased risk of heart disease

through the drug's effects on choles-terol (up) and blood pressure (up). Many adverse effects from anabolic steroids apparently go undetected, according to several experts, because most doctors, never having prescribed the drugs, aren't familiar with their hazards and aren't suspicious that their patients used them.

Said Dr. Bertram Zarins, a sports medicine specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and team physician for the New England Parriots football team: "The general feeling is that with anabolic steroid use there are more major injuries. more major blowouts with steroids and a higher rate of injuries to others because someone weighs more and is more aggressive."

Anabolic steroids have developed a reputation for making users more aggressive and hostile, traits that even only in perception, may be beinful in training and competition. But these traits are possibly danserous if they are carried from the athletic arena into personal life. Still, anabolic steroids' psychiatric

effects are largely unexplored. Medicine has changed its position Dr. John A. Lombardo, medical on steroid use. In 1977, it said that director of the sports medicine department at the Cleveland Clinic, and team physician of the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team, durance. The college said that there said he does not prescribe anabolic was no conclusive evidence that ex-

> who would suffer them. Nevertheless, Lombardo said: "We are not talking about a quickacting deadly poison like cyanide. We are talking about something that bas a percentage of adverse effects that are real, not fake." The fourth in a series of articles.

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ART BUCHWALD

Yes, It's Thanksgiving

Next year is the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. It started because the French had no Thanksgiving. This column is the nearest they

WASHINGTON—One of our most important holidays is très vite chez Priscilla (Allez très vite chez Priscilla), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie Thanksgiving Day, knowe in France as le Jour de Merci Donnant. Le Jour de Merci Donnant was first started by a group of Pilgrims (Pélerins) who fled from l'Angle-

terre before the McCarran Act to found a colony in the New World (le Nouveau Monde) where they could shoot Indians (les

Peaux-Rouges) and eat turkey (dinde) to their bearts content.

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous voiture Américaine) in a Buchwald

wooden sailing ship called the Mayflower, or Fleur de Mai, in 1620. But while the Pèlerins were killing the dindes the Peaux-Rouges were killing the Pèlerins and there ere several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the Peaux-Rouges helped the Pelarins was when they taught them to grow corn (mair). The reason they did this was that they liked corn with their Pèlerins.

In 1623, after another harsh year, the Pelerins' crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more mais was raised by the Pèlerins than Pèlerins were killed by Peaux-

Every year on le Jour de Merci Donnant, parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration.

It concerns a brave capitaine named Miles Standish (known in France as Kilomètres Deboutish) and a shy young lieutenant named Jean Alden. Both of them were in love with a flower of Plymouth called Priscilla Mullens (no translation). The vieux capitaine said to the ieure lieutenant:

Assyrian City Is Discovered

The Associated Press BAGHDAD - A British archaeological expedition has found the remains of an ancient Assyrian city called Tellulah, inhabited about 6,000 years ago, in the Jazira region oear the Syrian border.

maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie demoiselle de Plymouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action (un vieux Fanfan la Tulipe), offers his hand and his heart, the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these words, you know, but this, in short, is my

"I am a maker of war (Je suis un fabricant de la guerre) and cot a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar (Vous, qui êtes pain comme un étudiant), can say it in elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best adapted to win the heart of the

Although Jean was fit to be tied (convenable à être emballé), friend-ship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow (rendue muette par l'étonnement et la

At length she exclaimed, interrupting the ominons silence: "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" (Où est-il, le vieux Kilomètres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas auprès de moi pour tenter sa

chance?) Jean said that Kilomètres Deboutish was very husy and didn't have time for those things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband Kilomètres would make Finally Priscilla arched her eyel hrows and said in a tremulous voice: "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" (Chacun à son

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table brimming with tasty dishes, and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that le Jour de Merci Donnant is a grande fête and no matter how well fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to Kilomètres Deboutish, who made this great day possi-ble.

The Tales of a Country Priest

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

ATTETOT-SOUS-BEAU-MONT, France - It is one of the year's most unlikely publishing events. The autobiography of a country priest who has spent 43 years ministering to the same tiny community in Normandy has been on the best-seller list in France for weeks, and is now about to take on the world.

"Le Horsain" (The Outsider). has sold more than 100,000 copies in hardback, which is many times more than either the author or the publishers thought possible, and translation rights have been sold for English, German, Spanish and Portuguese editions. The book's success in a country

with a long history of anti-clericalism is all the more surprising.

"I think it appeals to the 60 percent of French people who still belong to the church, even if they rarely set foot inside one," said the author, the Reverend Bernard Alexandre, during an interview in his cluttered study.

Outside, spotted Normandy cows munch in emerald green fields. Thatched farmhouse roofs glow ocher under a flaming winter sunset. It is a world away from the publishers' salons and televi-sion studios in Paris, where Father Alexandre has become a national celebrity.

"Le Horsain" - the word is Norman dialect - refers to the author himself, who although he comes from the port of Le Havre, 20 kilometers (12 miles) down the road feels he has never been fully accepted as one of them by the canny, clannish and intermarried people of the Pays de Caux, on the lush plain behind the coast,

Father Alexandre arrived in Vattetot-sous-Beaumont soon after the end of World War II, scrawny and weak after winning a five-year battle against tuberculosis and surviving the bombardment of Le Havre.

"How could they have sent a young cure like you to such a hole?" a brother priest once asked "Reasons of health."

"It seems more like they wanted to bury you before you were

Vattetot-sous-Beaumont, with its 300 souls, was a lonely place



for the young priest with his love for books and movies.

On the one hand were the silent and suspicious Cauchois, proverbially frugal with both words and money, still not far removed from their pagan origins and surrepti-tiously fearful of the evil eye. On the other was the remote hierarchy of the church in the

archbishonric at Rouen and im-

possibly distant for a country priest, in the curia at Rome. Father Alexandre brought to his joh his faith, which he says has never wavered, a healthy measure of skepticism and an enormous sense of humor. All these years he has been observing the foibles of his parishioners, which feature predominantly in his book, a work of acciology as well as auto-

biography.
"Le Horsain" started as a collection of tales about the Caux region, but his publisher Jean Ma-laurie of Terre Humaine/Plon wisely suggested that Father Alexandre should include something of his own life as well.

To Father Alexandre's surprise, even the locals have unbuttoned their usually tight wallets to buy the book and read about Although the book is affection-

ate, it is far from uncritical. But, said Father Alexandre, "they took it well. They seem to think it was their success as well, despite the fact they are the object of some of

my attacks."

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In a sense, the parishioners were Father Alexandre's hidden said. "I understand that. But to condemn something you haven't seen or understood, that's not logaudience as he was writing the book. "I am a narrator of tales." he said. "When you are telling ical. Besides which, they've man-aged to give a lot of publicity to a film that I believe is worth nothstories, you always have to have an audience in front of you, and tune your violin according to the

Father Alexandre keeps the Caux dialect when reporting his parishioners' speech, but includes a translation for French readers who may be balfled by the distinctive patois. "When you've been a country priest for a long time, you only oeed a simple vo-cabulary," he said. "You end up by adopting their vocabulary and losing your own."

What gives "Le Horsein" much of its flavor is that, perhaps unnoticed by the hierarchy. Father Alexandre has blossomed in his little corner of the world into an independent, unorthodox and tolerant thinker far removed from the popular concept of the simple country curate.

His love of cinema, which he fulfilled by arganizing local Cath-olic cinema clubs, brought him into close contact with the world of ideas. Recalling a complaint that was once made against him because he showed a film that included a scene with dancers in tutus, he made it clear that he has no patience for those who seek to censor good movies.

What about "The Last Temptation of Christ?"



Father Alexandre, above, and in his Norman countryside.

ing from a cinematographic point Much has changed in the Caux region in the last four decades. When Father Alexandre arrived, the farmers envisaged a world oo further than nearby Goderville, the closest market town, where gestures?

they went to sell their wheat and Now they think about directives from Brussels, fly to the south of France to deal in cattle. use computers to keep track of their milk production and even mortgage their ancestral lands at

day he generally accepted, which he finds "completely normal." And women priests? "The idea does not shock me," he said. Nevertheless, the decline of the Farmers' sons have moved to the towns, while outsiders have taken over deserted farmhouses as country retreats. The schools have been regrouped and people travel miles to do their shopping in large supermarkets. Only the

churches remain as a focus for the community, and they too seem Father Alexandre now tends to three other parishes and more than 2,000 parishioners besides those of Vattetot-sous-Beaumont, and has moved out of the presbytery next to the church because it At the age of 70, he does not people were ready for them."



think he will have a successor. "If a young man wants to become a priest these days, he does not vant to be buried in the country. Either we have to rethink the furure in a serious way, or inevitably the time will come when we have

disappearance of rural clergy like himself will leave a gap, he be-lieves. "In France, there has always been a big difference between the town clergy and the country clergy," he said. "In the country, you get to know your people. You adopt their rhythm, and bring in changes slowly. In the towns, too many changes have been imposed from above before

ple turned their backs on the official church at a time when there is such a hunger for religion? "Have we been teaching the essential need to love God and love our fellow men," he said, "or have we concentrated on sexual morality and relied too much on habits and

Despite current prohibitions, he thinks married priests will one

to close the churches," he said. Why, he asks himself, have peo-

Father Alexandre believes that in the future the church will increasingly be found "outside the temple, just as in Christ's time." with rural Catholics meeting in each others' bornes and joining other groups in church only on

close-knit country parish and the

Film Purists Win Battle Over Coloring in France

A French court has banoed the 5 showing on television of the 1950

John Huston classic, "Asphalt Junge," after the black-and-white film
had been colored by a computer Ruling on who owned the rights to the film, rather than on aesthetic considerations, the court sided with Huston's heirs, who contended they could represent his moral right as the director-author. The late director had campaigned against artificial coloring.

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Robert Wachs, the manager of Eddie Murphy, said a lawsuit filed by the columnist Art Buchwald was just one of several unfounded attempts to get credit for the story of the comedian's hit movie "Coming to America." "Eddie Murphy wrote it and that's the truth." Wachs said, Buchwald alleged his lawsuit that Paramount Pictures Corp. misappropriated a story he wrote as the basis for the film.

Marc Jacobs, 25, will take over on Monday as the designer responsible for the Perry Ellis women's collections, according to Nicholas Di Paolo, president of the Salant Corp., the parent company of Perry Ellis Sportswear. Jacobs will replace Patricia Pastor, who was a design assistant to Ellis before his death in May 1986. Pastor, who had resigned for personal reasons, could not be reached for comment.

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